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Intermountain News of Utah, Idaho: Significant Timely Church-Wide News

● Tooele, Utah, has been designated a critical defence area for housing permits; credit controls will be relaxed to assist in providing housing for civilian and military personnel at the three great nearby military establishments: Tooele Ordinance Depot, Deseret Chemical Depot, and Dugway Proving Grounds (where the latest atomic bomb tests were conducted).

● Utah and the entire eastern Rocky Mountain area is being systematically explored under the direction of the Atomic Energy Commission for uranium bearing ores, the materials used to make atomic bombs.

● "When It's Springtime In the Rockies," written by a 17-year old LDS girl 35 years ago, Mary Woolsey, has just set a new sales record, we are told. A BYU professor, Robert Sauer, wrote the music to these words seven years later and sent it to the publishers. It clicked immediately and has done so continuously. Sister Woolsey was a BYU student.

● The biggest contract for a single building ever built in Utah was inked June 28 in Salt Lake City for a near $12,000,000 22-story "Radio City Salt Lake," a structure that will not only house radio and television but will also include an apartment house of 50 units and a professional building of 250 offices.

● Thevice president of Sperry Mills said recently that Utah's excellent wheat largely supplies the requiremens of his company's local and California mills.

Ogden adopted the City Manager plan of government June 29 by a slim vote.

● Tourists are flocking to the Utah and general western area in greater numbers than ever before in history.

● The U. S. Senate voted $144,000 for an increase of enrollment up to 2150 Indian children at the Brigham City Indian School, in Utah.

● Dr. Arthur L. Beeley, U. of U. professor of social work, told the S. F. Commonwealth Club, July 13, that the attempts of the U. S. and Great Britain to control and prevent crime are a colossal failure. Three causes of this failure mentioned were: out-moded machinery of administration of criminal justice; personnel; and public and lawmakers' "illiteracy" regarding the true nature and causes of crime, and wise schemes of prevention and punishment.

Business News

● The Firestone Store at 30th and Broadway, Oakland, under the able management of Phil Ogden of Berkeley stake, is undergoing extensive remodeling and face-lifting. The office and store are both being enlarged, and the service area and exterior are being repainted by the Bennett Painting Company (Verl Bennett of Dimond ward). Phil Ogden has recently returned from a visit to Mexico, an award he won recently in an inter-store sales contest.

● Verl Bennett, head of the Bennett Painting Company, has recently finished painting a fine residence next door to the editor of the Messenger for a lady who asked the editor if he knew any good LDS who could be recommended as a reliable painter. Two LDS painters were alerted, with the result that Verl did the job to the great satisfaction of the owner. The person had recenly had a paint job done on another residence and contrasted the superior way in which the Bennett Company carried on their work.

● The editor had the plesure of a visit at the Oaks Variety Store on Solano avenue and saw the new store that Earl and Roxy Peterson have opened on the same side of Solano on which stands the Oaks Theatre and a few doors east of the theatre. It is as clean as paint and brush can make a store and boasts the finest in lighting and other accommodations. Their stock is better arranged, more compact. They are offering an invitation to all friends to call and visit them in their new place of business.

● The Morwear Paint Company, managed by Mr. and Mrs. Alton Olson of East Richmond

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Berk. Stake News

By ANNA PATTON.

WARD CONFERENCES

The attention of all is invited to the new plan for conducting Ward Conferences this year, bringing them more in conformity with the recommendations of the First Presidency.

A Conference Week will be designated for each ward or branch during which the Stake Presidency, Stake Priesthood Committees, High Council and heads of auxiliaries will meet with Ward Officers and members in conference programs designed to be both spiritually uplifting and constructive.

Sunday morning Priesthood meeting will be carried on in the usual manner in each ward. Quorum leaders are urged to make every effort to carry the word to all members and encourage them to be in attendance. Members of the Stake Melchizedek Priesthood Committee will be present at these priesthood meetings and will meet with various Quorums in their regular quorum or group meetings, It is requested that quorums and groups have available their Roll Books, Minute Books, Financial Records and the loose-leaf Priesthood Cards for appraisal and discussion with committee members.

The schedule of conference weeks in the various wards and branches is as follows:

Claremont ward, July 9 thru 15.

Walnut Creek ward, August 6 thru 12.

Rodeo branch, September 3 thru 9.

Berkeley Second ward, September 17 thru 23.

Berkeley Second ward, September 24 thru 30.

Pittsburg ward, October 8 thru 14.

zRichmond ward, October 22 thru 28.

Martinez ward, Nov. 12 thru 18.

East Richmond ward, Nov. 19 thru 25.

—MPC Bulletin.

BERKELEY STAKE BLOOD BANK

A Blood Bank under the name,

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San Francisco Stake News

By JEAN LAUPER.

Recently added to the Stake High Council were Brothers Wilford B. Murray of Balboa ward and Eldon S. Reid of San Rafael.

Because of ill health, D. C. Wells, who has been secretary of the Stake Mission, has been released. Appointed to take over his work is David Rogers. Newly called missionaries include Robert Pratt, Gerard and Sarah Betti Van Zeben of San Francisco ward, and Alice Jones of San Rafael.

PIONEER DAY

Pioneer Day was celebrated by the stake the afternoon and evening of July 21. A huge crowd gathered at beautiful Red Hill school park in San Anselmo. During the afternoon several of the wards competed in baseball games. The games were broadcast on the spot by Sgt. Cook and Ira Sommers. Games of all sorts were played, with prizes presented to the winners. In the late afternoon ice cold watermelon was served to every one, and when the day had ended the crowd gathered in the adjoining lodge for an evening of dancing, under the direction of Carl and Sister Anderson.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PIONEER DAY

Another Pioneer Day celebration was held in the Stake House July 24 for the young people. Invitations to be "A Pioneer For a Day" were sent to all Primary children. At 1:00 p.m., they gathered together, dressed in costumes appropriate to the day, and when young Sam Neff blew a call on his bugle, they started a six-block march. Carrying both state and national flags, and Primary colors as well, the colorful group of nearly 200 children and officers started off. At each intersection was a police officer directing traffic away from the paraders. When they returned to the Church a dance was held, Sister Boldwin Davis providing the music. Refreshments were served during the afternoon.

LEGRAND NEILSONS MOVE

Sad news for the stake is that LeGrande Nielson and his family are leaving very soon for Kansas City. Colonel Neilson will be in charge of the Oral Surgery department at Fort Riley. LeGrande has been Stake MIA President for about one month. Some years ago when the family lived in Seattle he occupied the same position for about the same length of time before being transferred to Panama. Both Brother Neilson and his wife, Beatrice, with their three child-

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Three - Stake M. I. A. Convention

On Wednesday, August 8, Alameda ward will be the scene of the Annual Convention of Mutual Improvement officers, teachers, and leaders of Berkeley, Oakland and Santa Rosa stakes.

The convention will be conducted by the General Boards of the MIA, and will be in charge of A. Walter Stevenson, Age Group General Assistant Superintendent and Emily H. Bennett, General First Commander respectively of the YMMIA and YWMIA. They expect to bring several General Board leaders with them from Salt Lake City.

In addition to the MIA workers, stake presidencies, MIA High Council Advisors, and ward Bishoprics are invited to attend. Ward and stake officers are specifically requested to invite them to attend.

Oakland stake, acting as the host stake, has been busily preparing for the meeting for some time. They have announced that the first session for stake officers and leaders and priesthood officers is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., with a general assembly for ward and stake members to begin at 7:00 p.m. Following this program at 7:30 p.m., departmental activities begin with General Board members from Salt Lake City in charge.

Oak. Stake News

Trousers Project

Pres. Della Swensen and counselorselor Lucile Williams of the Stake Relief Society extend warm thanks and gratitude to the many women who came to work on the trousers at Welfare Center. 400 pairs were packed and sent off. It was a difficult job well done.

Canning Beef Demonstration

January 14, the four stakes on the bay sent representatives to the Oakland cannery where they canned half a beef. Pres. Delbert Wright was in charge of the cannery, Mr. Campbell, from Salt Lake, directed the work. Dr. Bramwell, a former butcher, cut the beef. Maxwell Park ward members did the canning, proving meat can be canned.

Dr. Evans Perkins.

Dr. Evan Perkins, son of Anson and Hilda Perkins, she our former Stake Relief Society president, is to be stationed in Spokane, Washington. Dr. Perkins volunteered for Navy Air Force duty almost a year ago.

Cal Perkins

Another son of the Perkins, Cal, who graduated from Annapolis in 1947 is assigned to the Navy Air Station in Alameda where the Navy is in process of expansion. Since graduating from Annapolis, Cal spent nine months at Long Beach, nine months in China and in Washington two moths. Then to Newport, R. I., where he taught math for a pre-Annapolis school one year. Then he was assigned to engineering school at Troy, New York, for two years and received his degree in engineering.

Gertrude Wright

Gertrude Wright, counselor in the Stake Relief Society, is in Kansas visiting her son, Pat, and his wife, Wanda, who have a new girl, their first baby.

Margaret Allen

Margaret Allen, lovely daughter of Arden and Hazel Allen, has been confined to her bed at home and in the hospital for many weeks. Her friends will be glad to know she is improving.

Della Swenson

Stake President of Relief Soiety Della Swenson had a lovely trip to Logan and Idaho Falls temples; also to Bear Lake.

Brother Rufus and Sister Winifred Phelps send glad tidings from their mission in England. In July Brother Phelps baptized three members and next month he will baptize three of their very own converts. They fill regular speaking assignments and Sister Phelps says the Lord is very patient with her in helping her talk. But we know she can talk for her farewell address was wonderful to all of us.

They love the people and the beautiful country which is green everywhere; they always try to go to church conferences and the meetings by a different route each time just to see the beauties. Hedges are used for fences. The English church buildings are an unending delight to a builder like Rufus; he never tires of visiting them—some very, very old. The Relief Society is thriving in England, the best organization in the branch and Winifred's heart's delight. She misses the Relief Society here at home, having been an active worker in it for over 20 years. We miss her. The Phelps' address is 15 Alexandra Road, Lowestoft Suffolk, England.

MIA Institute Held By Oak.-Berk. Stakes

Mutual Improvement Associations of Berkeley and Oakland Stakes held their first joint stake institute on July 26 and 27. Widely attended by mutual officers and teachers of both stakes, it was declared by stake officials of both stakes to be the most successful institute ever held in this area.

Outstanding features of the insitute included a dramatic presentation of the 1951-1952 theme and a beautifully staged fashion show graphically depicting the charm and beauty in fashions which meet church standards.

First night of the institute was held in Oakland stake and included a program of features of general importance to all leaders. The second night was held in Berkeley stake. This session was devoted to departmental activities and included workshow activities designed to aid each department in presenting its program for the coming year.

Priesthood officers addressed both sessions of the institute. In Oakland President Glenn Shaw of Oakland stake and Clyde P. Sullivan, High Council Mutual Advisor, Berkeley stake addressed the first session.

President W. Glenn Harmon, Berkeley stake, was the principal speaker at the assembly program on the second nigh.

Both sessions were in charge of Okland and Berkeley stake Mutual officers.

Log Of The Liahona Lodge Work

LIAHONAS CLUB

THE JULY 1951 JOURNAL OF EVENTS

Construction work on the Liahona Mountain Campsite has made notable progress during the month of July, 1951, both in further planning and in execution of plans. In one week the work seemed to lag for want of "willing hands that' know the workers zeal;" another week saw the area spotted with whole families about their respective camping spots on the 15½ acre campsite while 20 or more brawny men mixed and hauled and tamped all day with concrete batches and wheelbarrows of sloppy mix or with truck loads of dry aggregates carted from a newly discovered sand and gravel pit worth almost as much as a precious body of ore for our present purposes of lodge building.

A very brief summary of the Liahona Club's July activities towards erecting a Liahona Lodge and of starting to build individual cabins on the club's Stanislaus Forest Campsite 20 to 30 miles above Pinecrest, would include:

1. Felling huge trees, sawing into sections and dragging them into approximate position to serve as girders for the 30x60-foot Liahona Lodge.

2. Hauling scores of truck loads of dry aggregates from a newly found sand and gravel pit four miles away and dumping adjacent to the lodge site for making concrete to serve as piers and as patio areas.

3. Hauling and dumping near the lodge site of several truck loads of granite rocks for pier construction.

4. Actual pouring of the wet concrete into footing forms and later construction thereon of the 20 stone piers upon which will rest the great log girders to support the Liahona Lodge.

5. Trucking up the canyon from Hayward and unloading and placing on the Campsitea complete saw mill and two-ton diesel engine ready to begin sawing the lodge's own framing timbers from logs now available on the campsite.

6. Erecting complete the first member's cabin upon the campsite.

7. Erecting a huge red-brick and fire-brick lined camp stove and fireplace by an expert brick mason specializing in such fireplaes for home patios and for campsites. This adjacent both to the

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Messenger Circulation Now Over 5000 Covering Four Northern California Stakes

The growth of the tabloid Messenger has risen from "The Messenger of the Oakland and Berkeley Stakes of Zion" with its 2800 subscribers in 1946 to "The Messenger of Northern California" with a paid circulation of over 5000 not only in Oakland and Berkeley stakes but also in San Francisco and Santa Rosa stakes as well.

The prospects of even larger coverage of stakes is bright at present while at the same time the growth of population of the four stakes mentioned amounts to a near 500 each year at present rates of increase.

The first Messenger of Oakland stakes, begun under the inspiring leadership of W. Aird McDonald in 1931, was in a three column four page format. The present eight-page tabloid Messenger is several times larger.

At the present time a movement is under way in San Francisco and Santa Rosa stakes among their business and professional members looking to the sponsoring on their part of an enlarged Messenger of seven columns instead of the present five and of longer pages, giving nearly double present total space for news and advertisements. Then each stake would have its own section for its news and ads, under its own editorship and direction.

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Sebastopol Branch

By IMOGENE L ALLEN.

About a year ago the missionaries of the Northern California Mission were led to the home of George Silva, his wife, Julja, and their three daughters, Marilyn, Betty and Norma. The Silvas had but recently before that time sold their business and home in Hawaii and settled in California The truthfulness of the Gospel brought by the missionaries that day led to future contacts and within a short time they were all baptized

After this essential step was accomplished their next goal was to prepare themselves for the temple so as to become a family unit for time and eternity. The great day came in June of this year To make their trip to Utah that much more memorable, they found the MIA conference in session The descriptions they later told of the dance and song festivals made those events alone worth the trip

The MIA theme for this year: "Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve; as for me and my house we will serve the Lord," seemed their theme song as they journeyed thru Utah and Idaho They enjoyed the beauties of three temples; Salt Lake, Logan and the Idaho Falls before returning to Sebastopol.

Mr Silva is Superintendent of the Sebastopol Branch Sunday School. Mrs. Silza serves as secretary in the Relief Society; president of the Primary, and a Sunday School teacher. "There is no greater fulfillment and satisfaction than to be using your time and talents in serving the lord," quote the Silvas.

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Great Northern Calif. Welfare Farm Possibilities Still Being Canvassed

For many months past the stakes of Northern California have been hoping to unite on some worthy joint farm Welfare project, but to date no definite site has been found upon which all stakes from Fresno north to Gridley and Reno can settle their choice.

In Utah, Idaho and in Souhern California progress along this line has been announced in the Deseret News Church Section. Naturally, these reports have stimulated the thoughts and desires of the ten stakes in Northern California and Western Nevada.

Perhaps it is not too much to say that the time is ripe for some concerted action in this regard on the part of our great Welfare regions. A spirit of enthusiasm seems to run strongly among the membership for some suitable action along this line.

Noon Hour Devoted To Scriptures

MAGNA—The din of heavy mchinery in the boiler and blacksmith shop of the huge mill of the Kennecott Copper Corporation gives way daily at 11:30 a.m. to a scene strange to most industrial plants.

At the southeast corner of the big shop a group of from 25 to 32 men interested in improving their understanding of the gospel gather for sripture reading and discussion.

Boilermakers, welders, riggers, blacksmiths, mechanics, and a clerical worker now and again join together in common fellowship, toast sandwiches over the forges, participate in the discussions and partake of both bodily and spiritual nourishment.

THE UNIQUE gathering had its beginning more than a year ago, when Arvis T. Call, bolt maker and a former seventies' quorum president, at Magna, started to read from Church works during his lunch period at Morgan, Utah.

Friends gathered around him and asked that he read aloud to they could hear. The idea spread and the group increased rapidly.

The entire Book of Mormon was read, followed by "Latterday Prophets Speak," "The Way to Perfection," and most of the Doctrine and Covenants Commentary. Articles from the Church Section of the Deseret News and from the Improvement Era have been interspersed from time to time as the reader or the listeners desired. They now are reading and discussing the Pearl of Great Price.

THE LUNCH period lasts only half an hour, so the class proceeds with dispatch. H. Earl Hill, Granger, a North Jordan Stake missionary, and A. Floyd Smith, Granger Second Ward YMMIA superintendent, alternate as readers. Both work in the blacksmith shop and can eat early and so spend the entire half-hour reading. —Deseret News.

Six San Leandro LDS business places were visited by the editor of the Messenuger May 28 prior to the Liahona Club's big rally dinner in that ward's chapel. Briefly seen were the L. S. Williams Sewing Machine Center, Maison's Ice Cream factory and store, Rulon and May Knowles General Saw and Mower Service, Kimball's Trailer Sales lot, Herb Van Noy's hardware store, and the Bodily Manufatcuring company, the later being a combination lumber yard and cabinet business owned by several east bay businessmen, and managed by Francis Winkel, bishop of Alameda ward. We are glad to say that all these establishments report they are thriving, and we can say that appearances verify this fact.

Report on Liahona Camping Trip by M Men, Gleaners

By F. J. PICKETT
Stake M Men Leader

Bright and early Saturday, July 28, at 4:30 a.m., the M Men and Gleaners of Berkeley stake started off to spend a week end at the Liahona campsite on the Stanislaus in the high Sierras, about 75 miles north of Yosemite.

The early morning drive thru the San Joaquin valley, highlighted by a brilliant red sunrise, initiated the week end in the best way possible. After about a five hour drive, allowing for the detour necessitated by road construction, most of the group arrived at the campsite on Clark's Fork. Ten a.m. found the girls juggling pots and pans over the fire in readiness for a superb breakfast.

The group soon decided the hills looked so inviting that a hike seemed in order. The trek up the mountain side, although somewhat arduous, was refreshing. At 2:30 p.m. the group stopped for lunch among the pines. When finally the group descended the mountain, they looked for the nearst swimming hole, a delightful spot along the side of the river, and enjoyed a refreshing splash in the cool mountain water.

The hike and swim had developed the group's appetite when dinner finally made its appearance, and all ate heartily. Then at 9 p.m., a fireside program, with stories and community singing, and finally taps and sleep under the stars.

Sunday morning found them up early and around the camp fires again with frying pans and spatulas. Sunday school at 10 a.m., found 26 persons present. The discussion, led by Clyde Sullivan was so interesting that it was 12 noon before the meeting finally came to a close with the singing of "God be With You." The serving of the sacrament marked a first for this service at the Liahona campsite.

Organized activity was disbanded after Sunday school; some hiked, while others worked a bit, and still others rested. Most of the group were packed and ready to leave around 3 p.m.

The concensus of opinion confirmed the fact that this outing had been most enjoyable. The Liahona campsite, high in the mountains, was most beautiful and is highly recommended to those who find inspiration in the handiwork of God.

Alameda Ward

Don W. Hughes and wife traveled to Salt Lake to go thru the temple August 10. They were met by their daughter, Elaine and husband, and spent a week with them in Nampa, Idaho.

Evelyn Barlow and children enjoyed a vacation at home in Utah.

Mutual is still being held every Tuesday night. We have fine officers to take charge of our activities. They merit and need our united support in carrying out their excellent plans. Everyone come out and bring a friend..

Betty Hughes and family recently moved to San Lorenzo—along with many others from Alameda and other wards.

Our thoughts and feeling of sympathy are with Emma Jean Wilson who is now in Highland Hospital under observation for polio. We sincerely hope and pray that she will soon be well and back with us once more.

We are happy to know that Brother Wiilliam Everett is now at home convalescing.

Walt and Alice Bybee are now living in Oakland ward, but will soon make thir home in San Leandro.

WORD FROM OUR WARD CLUERK
ARNOLD BANGERTER.

Alameda's membership has almost doubled since the construction of our new chapel. Sacrament meetings are holding up very well during the summer vacation months. Keep up the good work; we're leading the stake report.

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San Francisco Ward

New babies have been born this last month to the following couples: Lorin and Patricia Richards have a new daughter to be named Kathleen Patricia. Jack and Irene Laycock have a son, Stephen Blakemore.

Clarence and Gladys Clawson have moved with their three children to the Hawaiian Islands to make their home. Sunday evening, July 8, their eldest son, Fred, spoke for the family in telling the people of the ward farewell. These fine people, so active in the ward, will be missed.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Freedell have returned from their honeymoon spent at Catalina Island. Mrs. Freedell is the former Gloria McGinty.

Sister Martha Hill is convalescing from a very serious illness.

Joe and Ruth Brown are leaving the ward. With their two small children they are moving into a new home in the East Bay. At present Ruth and the chldren are visiting her family in Utah.

A wonderful trip is in progress for Sister Ronalda Wright and her daughter, Carma. They left for the east July 26 and while there will visit many of the major cities and go on up into Canada for a brief stay at Montreal. They plan on attending the Pageant at Hill Cumorah August 8 and 9. They will be returning after about six weeks. Incidentally, Howard Ruff, one of San Francisco's missionaries, is in charge of the hour-long musical program preceding the pageant, which cannot take place until dark.

Gordon Yates has been given instructions to report to Camp Stoneman for overseas assignment.

July 12 Richard Lambert and Deloris Hogan were married in the Logan Temple. Dick's parents, the I. LeRoy Lamberts, and his brother Jimmie, went up for the ceremony. The young couple are living at present in San Francisco, but will return to the BYU in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rich and their daughter are moving to Sunset ward, wherethey have bought a home.

David Neff took his three sons and went to Utah for a vacation.

Jackie Wragge, who is an airline hostess on the New York to Paris flight, has been visiting with her parents.

Seen at Church recently were the visiting Madsen sisters of Shelley, Idaho.

The ward regrets the LeGrande Neilson family is leaving. Sister Wright, wh oheads the Junior Sunday School especially will miss Deon who has been so faithful and capable as a teacher in that organization.

Bishop Nalder and his family will return home early in August after an extensive trip thru the east and on the old Mormon Trail.

● The New York Supreme Court has upheld the constitutionality of a state law permitting public schools to excuse pupils one hour a week to attend outside religion classes.

Elmhurst Ward

By JANETH EVANS.

Ths past month some very significant things have happened in Emhurst ward that will, we hope, be of interest to all. All of the members of the ward were happy to hear the announcement of the new Relief Society President, Mabel Drushal and her two counselors, Edna Darton, First Counselor and Hannah Rowe, Second Counselor. LaVona Smith will be the new Secretary.

We wish to thank Venda Fandrick and her counselors for the fine work they have performed during the past three years.

Many of the members of Elmhurst ward attended the marriage of Rodlyn Jensen and Peggy Brush, June 24, at the Chapel of the Flowers in Berkeley. Peggy, prettily dressed, made a very beautiful picture with her two bridesmaids, Elaine Smith and Marion Sutton. Her sister, Dana Brush, was the Maid of Honor. The little flower girl, Julia, added much to that wonderful occasion.

Elaine Smith and Johnny Craig were married Saturday, July 21. Everyone wishes them happiness.

We have a new Sunday School Superintendent, Kirk Wimmer, who has chosen Clayton Nelsen, First Counselor. With these fine men in office, we expect big things from our Sunday School.

Lloyd Brooks and his counselors rendered wonderful services; we wish to thank them at this time for their fine record.

The Mutual is having excellent summer programs which are being enjoyed by all.

On August 14, 1951, there will be a family night for all the members of the ward at Joaquin Miller Park at 7:00 There will be a picnic supper and bonfire program at the fire circle

All ward members are again invited to attend a swimming party at the Castlemont Pool at 7:00 on the 21st of August Then, in the Elmhurst Amusement Hall, there will be a chili feed.

Since our missionaries are some of the most important people of our ward, even though they are absent from us, we wish to announce that the M Men and Gleaners are collecting hangers for the Missionary Fund. They need 2,500 hangers; to date they have collected 1,000 hangers and $100.00 for this great cause. Contact Naomi Sparks or Shirley Kovarik for further information.

Your reporter, an ex-Spanish American missionary, hopes that—thru this column many people will be made happier and that the news will be of interest to all

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Book Appraises LDS Church Fairly

(From Deseret News May 16, '51)

"Faith and My Friends" by Dr. Marcus Bach is a book guaranteed to warm the heart of every Latter-day Saint to whom his church means anything.

It is affectionately written, superbly accurate (at least the LDS section), and indicates the tolerance of a careful scholar.

In Dr. Bach's verbal snapshots of six small church groups in the nation, the sun has at long last broken through.

With unobtrusive skill and craftsmanship as well as generous understanding, Dr. Bach has set down in 50 friendly pages his history and philosophy of the church for he is considered America's foremost researcher and authority on the "lesser known" sects in the nation.

It is indeed heartwarming and refreshing to find this astute non-Mormon scholar reducing to print this strikingly deep and significant observation:

"The style was Biblical, the references to Holy Writ were tremendously involved. It was not the kind of a book a man would read for pastime or write for profit. It was solemn and ponderous and heavy as the plates on which it was inscribed.

"So I paged through this American Bible (Book of Mormon) wondering how many Protestants had ever seen a copy or read a verse out of any of the 15 books. Where these auxiliary scriptures came from, whatever they were, they surpassed in magnitude and content my most extravagant expectation.

"No Vermont schoolboy wrote this and no Presbyterian preacher tinkered with these pages."

His opinions carry weight, as well as perhaps unintended conviction, and they are not to be dismissed with a wave of the hand. Perhaps no one is better fitted than Dr. Bach to do justice to the findings about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and makes an honest attempt to explain what keeps it and its members on the rails.

"Faith and My Friends" is a fair and helpful book. (The 50 pages of this book which refer so favorably to the LDS will soon be reprinted as a booklet. This may be ordered thru I. B. Ball, Deseret Book Co. representative.)

● In Los Angeles, Youth Genoloagical Research Classes of 12 Lessons are being taken from ward to ward this summer by the stake leaders, we learn.

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Funerals, Burial Instructions Given

In an editorial in the Church section of the Deseret News. week of May 29, 1949, the position of the church is given regarding Latter-day Saint funerals and burials. Mentioned is proper music, not to be of the love song variety unless requested by the family as an old favorite of the deceased.

The common practice in some places of leaving the casket open and permitting the public to file past and view the body at the close of the service is referred to. "The handbook of instructions issued by the General Authorities urges that the casket be closed before the commencement of the services."

Regarding the dedicatory prayer at the grave, the handbook is quoted again as indicating that it should be done in the authority of the Holy Priesthood and in the name of the Savior.

Cremation has never been encouraged by the church, the editorial states, but if bodies are cremated no prayer should be offered "during nor following the cremation ceremony."

People of deranged minds occasionally have taken their own lives. "It has been the custom of the church to conduct funerals for such unfortunate persons in the same manner as other funerals are conducted.

No funeral or burial ceremony shall be held for still-born children, nor should they be reported or recorded on the church records.

WHAT'S A BILLION?

Perhaps a hazy idea of the meaning of a billion may be had by the fact that a propellor on a pursuit plane travelling 300 mph would turn a billion times if the plane could cruise continuously 24 hours a day for a year. A billion dollar bills laid end to end would encircle the earth four times. If you made 10 trips from New York to Miamii, Fla., you would cover nearly a billion inches, and one billion minutes sounds like several months, but it would actually carry you back to the year AD 43.

● A 6500-mile, three-week tour by chartered bus was made in July by the BYU extension division class of 31 in church history. A bus load, ages 20 to 70, made the trip to early church history sites in N. Y., and other states.

● Mesa, Arizona ,in July completed a two-weeks Young People's Genealogical Research Class in which 252 juniors enrolled and 210 remained to win Certificates.

● Leading stakes in May Aaronic Priesthood attendance at Sacrament Meeting included among the upper twenty-five stakes the following California Stakes: SO. Los Angeles 6 4per cent; Ingelwood 65 per cent; East Long Beach 56 per cent; and Pasadena 53 per cent.

● Leaders among the California stakes in ward teaching in July are listed as: SO Los Angeles 95 per cent; Glendale 82 per cent; E. Los Angeles 80 per cent and Long Beach 76 per cent.

● Champion of LDS golfers for 1951 is L. R. Ivins, 55, Salt Lake City school teacher and coach. This is the first All Church Golf Championship. A 17-year old lad led all the way but lost to Ivins on the final nine by one point, 152 to 153.

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Duties of Saints

"We will respond to the calls in the Church, and we will not resign from office when called under the authority of the Holy Priesthood. We will follow the counsel of the leadership of the Church and call our families together periodically in home evenings in order that the home might be safeguarded and the solidarity of the family increased. We will read the scriptures in our homes as the Lord has admonished us.

"We should oppose gambling in all of its forms, including the parimutual betting at horse races referred to so effectively by Brother Moyle. We should refrain from the habit of card playing, against which we have been counseled by the leaders of the Church. We should stand united in opposition to the wider distribution and use of alcohol and other things declared by the Lord to be harmful.

"If we keep the commandments, we will refrain from joining secret orders and lodges. Our first allegiance will be to the Church and the priesthood quorums. We will pay our tithes and offerings, our fast offerings and our welfare contributions.

"We will not violate the sacred covenants we have taken upon ourselves in the waters of baptism and in the temples of the Lord, nor will we desecrate or cast to one side the garments of the Holy Pritsthood. We will attend to our temple work. We will keep the commandments, we will attend our meetings. We will take our families with us to the sacrament meeting and sit with them and worship with them, if we become saviors on Mount Zion in every deed." —Deseret News.

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Our Very Civilization Rests and Is Based Upon Chastity Concepts

By Pres. J. Reuben Clark

THE CHURCH HAS from the beginning demanded of its youth, male and female, one standard only. absolute continence until proper marriage has legalized and hallowed the sexual relations.

To this there is no exception. I now repeat what I have said before: Man is a biological unit, an animal, but he is more than this; he is the temple of an immortal spirit. That spirit can be defiled by the flesh and defilement comes when the laws of chasity are violated.

Our very civilization itself is based upon chasity, the sancity of marriage and the holiness of the home. Destroy these and Christian man becomes a brute.

For Latter-day Saints, the family relationship continues through eternity.. It is the loftiest and most sacred human relationship we know. To the chaste young mon and woman beginning the building of a home there is a trust, a confidence, a joy unspeakable, an all but divine harmony that no other purely human undertaking can bring. The rightful heritage of such a beginning in life is a life of righteous that builds upward to eternal life.

TO THE UNCHASTE who marry there is ahead either a life of distrust, lack of confidence, leading to the divorce court, or a life of promiscuous relationship that ends in misery, disease, and shame.

Debauchery never gave birth to good of any kind.

Chastity is fundamental to our life and to our civilization. If the race becomes unchaste, it will perish. Immorality has been basic to the destruction of mighty nations in the past. It will bring to dust the mighty nations of he present.

Everyone of us who instructs our youth, in whatever place or position, and in whatever capacity, must teach the young people of today to abstain from unchastity.

(Pres. J. Reuben Clark Jr. of the First Presidency. Excerpts from a General Conference address, Oct. 9. 1938.)—Des. News.

● 8,000 tourists visit Temple Square each day in SLC., on the average. Eighty-five guides are busy daily from 7 a.m. to 10 or 11 p.m., showing them around.

Claremont Ward

By VIRGINIA BALLOU.

BISHOPRIC MESSAGE

We will be breaking ground in the very near future for the actual construction of our new chapel. We have felt the need for an adequate place in which to worship for many years. There will soon come a realization of our past anticipations—we earnestly urge every member of the Claremont ward to participate in this worthwhile project. When you are approached please be willing and ready to render your services. Cash will be needed—labor must be donated. HELP CLAREMONT BUILD A CHAPEL.

Yours for a building future.
—CLAREMONT WARD BISHOPRIC.

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Claremont ward welcomed home many of its vacationers in the past month. The Don C. Woods returned from a visit with their uncle in Cardston, Canada, and the Idaho Falls Temple. Sister Edna Cardwell spent her vacation with her daughter in Arcadia, California; returning with her for an extended visit were her daughter, Winona Bridston and grandson, John. Claremont was happy to have Barbara Burgan, daughter of the Frank Blairs, home again after her graduation from BYU. Congratulations Barbara. Visiting us from Ogden, Utah, is George Bain's son, Richard, who is here to spend the summer.

Claremont choir has been asked to sing at the stake conference in August. This request is a very deserved honor for the conductor, Curtis Millward and those members of the choir who have come out for practice so regularly.

Sister Gladys Hayashi is now a member of our fine group of stake missionaries.

The forthcoming marriage of Marguerite Petry was the occasion for a shower given by Lenore Wood and Mary Morse Friday, July 20. A lare percentage of the feminine portion of Claremont ward was in attendance.

"I Been Workin' on the Railroad" is the theme song for two of Claremont's members. Art Wood and Vince Wood are both spending the summer working for the Western Pacific.

The Gleaner Girls and M Men held their Lucky Clover at Hearst Ranch. Everyone had a delightful time swimming, sunning and eating. There was watermelon for everyone after the picnic lunch.

Several members of Claremont seem to have contacted poison oak.

The summer MIA program is well under way; a wonderful time for all. Joint picnics, dances and game nights with Berkeley first and second wards have been the highlights so far. Yet to come are more of the same plus very good movies. Claremont members are urged to come and join the fun.

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The Log of the Liahona Lodge

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lodge site and to the completed Utiliy House.

8. Planning and assigning for the month of August the work of pouring a concrete floor in the Utility House and running water pipes thru the brick fireplaces and into the Utility House so as to provide two hot shower rooms.

9. Seating the Liahona amphitheatre and holding therein on July 22 the first Church Sunday morning service of songs and sermon, a service attended by over 50 club members and their families.

10. Staking out and officially recording July 22 cabin sites for individual members who appeared on the campsite and personally selected and staked out their own spots in the areas set aside for cabins.

11. Laying out and setting stakes marking the new roads into the campsite and the car parking areas.

12. Entertaining on the Liahona Mountain Campsite on July 28 and 29 the first group of LDS young people, the M Men and Gleaner Girls of Berkeley Stake.

13. Beginning of the program to have some club members camping and working now until snow flies.

Individuals Rendering Notable Services at the Campsite During July, 1951:

At the risk of having later to repent of omitting proper crediting of some members let up put down a few very worthy contributions made in services at the campsite this summer to date.

1. Charles M. Maurer, the Hercules of the saw, the lever and the shovel, who has done many times more actual hours' solid work on the 1950 Utility House and now in 1951 on the lodge site than any other member.

2. Leonard Lyons who, with his father-in-law and contractor associate, Chas. M. Maurer, has contributed the firm's hired help as well as their own labor to the extent of over $400 to date. They also have contributed their truck for hauling cement, etc.

3. Ross McClellan, the owner of powerful contractor's trucks that are equipped with winch, who loaded, hauled, unloaded and placed in working position the saw mill and its two-ton diesel engine, and who, with aid of the winch and his employed brother-in-law, Bernard Stewart, dragged into position the huge logs which will serve as girders for the lodge, and who also hauled the two tons of brick for the fireplace and two tanks of diesel oil.

4. A. D. Ericksen ,the club's third-term president and originator and father to date of the Liahona Campsite and Lodge project and builder of the first completed cabin on the campsite.

5. Mrs. Aleda Ericksen, wife of A. D., whose wise counsel and planning and frequent trips to the campsite to advise and encourage have been big factors for success from the beginning.

6. Verl T. Bennett, who contributed his truck and his personal labor for hauling sand and gravel f om the pit to the lodge site; and who also applied the 1951 second oil coating on the outside walls of the Utility House.

7. Clyde Russell, who contributed or encouraged the labor not only of himself in hauling or mixing concrete but of his two sons, Don and Clyde, Jr., and son-in-law, Warren Berg.

8. Jim Campbell, San Leandro, brickmason who laid the concrete base and erected the great brick camp stove and fireplace.

9. Eli K. Ferguson, whose help in securing others' labor and materials contributions, and who provided at less than cost the 1000 feet of three-inch pipe placed in 1950 and which continuously furnishes its full-flow of clear, cold spring water to the campsite. This with the 1950 help of Sam Scott and Arthur L. Hopkins.

10. Dr. Milton Ream who kindly loaned the saw mill and diesel engine before mentioned.

11. Dr. Douglas Reame thru whose suggestion the discoverer of the sand and gravel pit came to the campsite and made known the pit's location.

12. The Messenger and its busybody editor for a little publicity and a few other services.

Vallejo Ward

With happy hearts and good hand shakes
Enthusiasm now awakes,
With all our Saints from afar
Characters great without a mar,
Have come to lend each other a hand
And the method to use to complete our plan.
Our Bishop with that big round smile
The welcome he gives is surely worthwhile.
His countenance demands sweet accord
Success strikes up with great reward
Men for business get in lead
Determination is what we need.
Faces with gladness ever sent
Soft smiles from wives now are lent
For they can see with eye serene
The very pulse of this machine
Their names will echo on the dot,
To help our men to reach the top.

Sister Norma Taylor, gifted with a poetic ability composed and read these lines at a recent dinner held to raise funds for the completition of our chapel. For the success of the dinner, appreciation is expressed to the ladies of the Relief Society, who prepared the dinner; to B. H. Barrows, Grant Strattford and the Golden State Creamery, who donated the food; to Sister Kay Newman for the excellent program, and to those who sold so many tickets. It is hoped that more progress can be made in gathering funds for this purpose.

The Vallejo ward has again accepted the responsibility for picking 30 acres of prunes, the proceeds of which will be used to meet our Welfare budget. The young and old can assist in this harvest. Cooperation by our members will be appreciated.

Constant reminding of our Welfare project is necessary. Many of us may forget the meaning stressed by our Church of this important plan. Welfare is used to aid those who unexpectedly find themselves in need such as illness, unemployment or disaster. Many cases have been cited where immediate help has come. At our recent conference Apostle Benson told of the gratitude of the people of Europe when the Welfare supplies reached them at the close of last war. The tears they shed was only one sign of their expressed gratitude. Members of the Church who's homes were destroyed in an Oregon and Washington flood were left groping for help. However, they soon found their prayers answered when trucks arrived with supplies from Salt Lake City to assist them.

Due to the uncertainty of times, not one of us can ever be sure of our security or safety. Assisting in our Welfare Plan is a means of safeguarding our future.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Have you ever gone into a place where the quietness and peace have overtaken you? You automatically yield to that atmosphere. You find your voice coming to a whisper and a light step adopted. So it is with our houses of worship. They are dedicated and set apart for the worship of God. If we want His spirit to be present, we must abide by the rules pertaining to them.

Consequently, a reverent person is a punctual one. It grieves God to see His children come into His house late and disturb the Spirit that exists there. In passing in front of a neighbor, he is disturbed. His trend of thought tuned to worship of His Heavenly Father is interrupted or destroyed.

There should be no rowdyism, no unseemingly jesting take place therein. Unthinkingly, sometimes, we are careless in these things, but we are receptive to the Spirit of God inasmuch as we keep ourselves in tune with His refining influence. As it is with our mortal bodies, so it is with the structures built to the glory of God. Each individual and his conduct helps to "tune a House of Worship in."
—BISHOP VERNON C. NEWMAN.

● The super-huge Clearfield (Utah) Naval Supply Depot is humming again. It is the largest of the Navy's inland supply depots and a central distribution point for the Pacific Fleet, and all naval stations in the western U. S.

Castro Valley Ward

By HELEN SMITH.

Castro Valley ward dropping in for a chat again

The ward is still growing. Sherry Lynne Stewart, daughter of Desmond and Carol Stewart, was given a name and blessing by her father this month. Young Leonard M. Lyons was confirmed a member of the Church. Several new families were welcomed into our midst.

The MIA has been very active and have exciting plans for the future. A budget dance held last month was termed a great success. Another is planned for July 27, featuring a floor show by a group of Samoans led by Chief Eddie Teo. Authentic native dances will be presented, highlighted by a performance of the famous knife dance to be given by the chief's son, Whitney. Many honors have been awarded Whitney for his portrayal of this art.

The Special Interest class members are learning to paint Dresden china. The entire ward is invited to a "watermelon bust" at the Hayward Memorial Park on August 7. Teenagers are keen on the ballroom dancing and manners of conducting oneself at a party being taught by Viola Gay at her home every Thursday night. Sounds like fun? Are you missing these good times?

Relief Society holds one meeting a month on the second Wednesday, lasting all day. An interesting review is given while the sisters work on their Welfare assignment; luncheon is served by the visiting teachers. A good chance to forget home problems or share them with your friends. Young mthers take note that there is a baby-sitter for your wee ones.

Minnie Reid's Bluebirds are being taught to knit pin-cushions in Primary at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesdays.

Next month the wark makes a change in the meeting time table. Priesthood will be at 8:00 a.m., and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. No change in Sacrament services. Are you having trouble with that three-year old? Step into Dr. Crocket's Sunday School class and learn how to solve all your baby problems.

Reed Welchoff, who is home with us again after a successful mission in Switzerland, has been appointed secretary to the priesthood supervisor. We are glad to have you back again, Reed; we enjoyed hearing you preach on July 29.

We wish:

Happiness to Norma Loomis and her husband, who were married in the Logan Temple this month. Norma is now Mrs. Max Winward. A speedy recovery to Chlona Mason, who was severly injured in an auto accident. Congratulations to the Louis Ecks on the birth of their granddaughter.

Did you know that:

Sister Daniel B. Bodily (nee Annie Barton) was left a widow when the youngest of her six children was but nine years old. That youngster is now the first counselor in the Castro Valley Bishopric, Irwin Bodily, "Bod," born in Kaysville, Utah, in 1934, was married to Naomi Blaylock in the Salt Lake Temple. They have four children, Dennis, Neil, Diane and Wayne. Sister Bodily has taught in Sunday School, Relief Society and been a counselor and president of the Hayward Ward Relief Society since coming here in 1946. She is at present president of the Castro Valley Ward Relief Society. "Bod" served as counselor in the Elders' quorum, in Scouts; president of the YMMIA and as counselor to Bishop Webb in the Hayward ward. Many are called to labor in the Lord's work but the Bodily family have indeed "been chosen."

Bishop Lamkin says:

The Bishopric of the Castro Valley ward are very gratful for the fine response to the calls that have gone out for leadership in staffing and manning the various organizations of our new ward. Truly the Lord has lent a helping hand in guiding our every effort. At our recent Stake Conference, Elder John A. Widstoe stated that many who receive a call to leadership or teaching positions, say that they cannot accept because they are not leaders. But, Brother Widstoe said, if you receive your call (and a call to leadership comes from the Lord thru inspiration to his presiding Priesthood), you may become a leader by following the principles of the Gospel. The Lord is bound, in every sense of the word, to help you.

Problems will arise and unpleasant conditions may at times exist, as they do in any new piece of machinery or organization. But with patience and cooperation, faith and prayers, all things may be overcome.

May the Lord bless you and guide you in your every righteous endeavor.—BEN C. LAMKIN, Bishop.

Oakland Ward

Although summer has come, Oakland ward has not slowed its pace in activities at all. Mutual is being held every Tuesday night with either classwork or some type of entertainment planned. Let's all keep going to Mutual huh.

We held another joint Fireside with Dimond ward. Oakland ward was the host again at the home of the Taylors. A large number attended and everyone enjoyed themselves.

July 21, 1951, we held another "friendly dinner." Being as it was a pleasant outdoors evening, we ate out on the patio. It certainly was fun; with July 24th in mind, a pioneer theme was used.

July 22, 1951, in our Sacrament meeting we had a report on the June MIA conference. Brother and Sister Sears spoke along with Bartel Cardon and Dale Harry.

Business News

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ward, has certainly made a favorable enlargement of their place of business on lower Solano near San Pablo and across the street from the post office there. They have doubled the size of their store, taking in the store next door and removing the partition. Success to you, Olsons, Mr. and Mrs.

● The Berkeley Gazette recently carried a most interesting article by one of its editors commenting on the Low Cost Drug corner of University and Shattuck avenues, Berkeley, where Bro. Delbert Rock is proprietor of one of Berkeley's really big businesses. The article went on to speak of famous corners in great cities and said that this corner is the most interesting in Berkeley and one that is not equalled in many cities in the activities that one can see, the variety of personages that pass he corner and into the store and bustle of passing Key trains, the rush of transferring people on their way to work in San Francisco or on their way home in the evening, the parade of busses for this service stopping at the corner. And one may add that not the least interesting part of this busy corner is he great variety of merchandise that is offered in this thriving store. For instance, the magazine racks and the racks of "Pocket Books" are the most extensive to be seen anywhere and the number of people who are to be seen all the time thumbing these offerings excells any other spot in many a city.

● We were delighted the other day to receive a call from our old friend, Bishop Claude Nalder of San Francisco ward just prior to his leaving with his family for the Atlantic coast to meet his son returning from a mission in Europe, and then to pick up a new car and drive the family leisurely home via the many Church historic sites from New York to Missouri and then into Salt Lake City and on home. Claude is still the popular mortician, the only LDS in the business in San Francisco, we understand, and the first to enter that field in all the bay area. We were pleased to see him place his photo and ad again in The Messenger. He was one of the first to patronize The Messenger when it made its bow to the saints.

● If you haven't seen the remodeled barber and beauty shop of Earl and Jenny Caldwell on Telegraph avenue near 43rd street, it will please you to drop in and say hello. Everything looks so spick and span and cheery.

● Chuck (Charles) Stamps, the genial Liahonan of Alameda ward, is busy these days with the supply company which he represents which furnishes all janitorial supplies for buildings of all kinds and sizes. A ride with him to the Liahona Campsite thru the San Joaquin valley afforded Chuck an opportunity to reminisce regarding the school people all over that part of the state to whom he has sold such products in years past. He knows the inside story of all those high and elementary schools, their officers and strong and weak points as few people are permitted to know them. It was a treat to listen to his conversation. Chuck took his family o the campsite one week end.

● Oren Jorgason, the insurance man, took his son and daughter with him to the campsite one week end for a camping experience. Oren won the highest sort of praise of foreman Charles Maurer who said that Oren put in one of the biggest and hardest day's work that anyone has contributed so far. You'd be surprised to see the fine physial chest development and muscle that Oren betrays when he really strips to his waist for action with the shovel. Can't be beat. Looks like a trained athlete.

● A. D. Ericksen recently had on his hands a jury trial and won his cases. Wouldn't you like to hear A. D. make his address to the jury? He says "no admission," when anyone asks about it.

● Salt Lake Valley suffered from the worst lightning storm in its history July 28 and 29. One bolt of ligtning struck the steeple of the South Bountiful LDS chapel and caused a $100 000 loss. A man was killed by lightning at Bingham. The storm struck suddenly at 10 p.m. Damage will run to $500,000.

Sunset Ward

BISHOPRIC'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

It is natural for men to desire worldly possession.

There is another richness that we as Latter-day Saints should strive even harder to obtain. We should exert great effort and time to possess virtue, love, friendship, humility, eternal family ties, obedience, wisdom ,knowledge, honesty, helpfulness, reverence and all the other sterling characteristics that promise eternal happiness and peace of mind.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; But lay up for yourselves treasures in neaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal; For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Relief Society Organiationz

June 26—A successrul hayride and weiner roast put on by the Mutual.

Selected as ward president of the Relief Society last month was Rhoda Hickenlooper. She has as her manual counselor Dorothy Todd. Sister Hickenlooper has had a world of Church experience, and in addition is a capable nurse. Dorothy Todd, whose husband is in the FBI, has had teaching experience both in public schools and in the Church. She has three young children.

Born to Bill and Yvonne Nibley July 18 an 8 lb. daughter to be named Deborah. According to Bill it is the finest child ever born. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Nibley of Midvale, Utah, vacationed here while Yvonne was in the Children's Hospital, and have since gone south to continue their vacation.

Lorraine Wilkinson and her two children, Jo Ann and Stephen, are visiting in Idaho Falls. Lorraine, who is awaiting the birth of her third child, went there to be under the care of her two brothers, who are doctors and with her parents. Wells will join his family about August 30 and after a 10-day stay will bring Lorraine and the three children home.

July 7 Jean Anderson became the bride of Carl Pederson at a beautiful wedding which was followed by a reception for their many friends. After a honeymoon trip the Pedersons are living in Oakland.

Sister Jacketta Quelay and her niece, Elizabeth Ann McCune, are vacationing in the Hawaiian Islands for several months.

During the week of July 16 the women of the ward went out to the Welfare Center in sufficient numbers to finish up the year's quota of corduroy pants. The stake quota is now nearly complete. By hurrying the work a little at this time it was thought to have it done by the time the busy school season is upon the mothers of the ward.

The popular "Unc" Davidson was baptized a member of the Church in June.

Charles Friel has returned from a pleasant trip to Pasadena where he spent his vacation.

W. W. Colljns has been ill with a broken shoulder but has recovered and is out to Church again.

July 22 President Gardner of the Northern California Mission was the speaker at Sacrament meeting. He gave a most interesting sermon on the Pioneers. Music was provided by a double mixed quartette from San Francisco ward under the direction of La Von Pardini.

July 24 a party and dance was held by Sunset and Balboa MIA. Some excellent numbers were given during the evening by a trio billed as "Cherokee, Blackie and Chick," who sang to their own guitars' accompaniment. Doug Gordon did a Scotch reading in dialect.

Sister Mae Hobson is visiting in Seattle where her son, Lindsay and his wife, Norma, recently became the parents of their first son, and second child Robert Vern.

Did you know that in Sunset is the son of a Samoan Princess. He is Brother John Kennison, whose uncle was the King of Samoa.

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Berkeley Stake News

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"Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Berkeley Stake)" is now a reality. Brother Elmo Carr has been chosen chairman of the committee and has selected as co-workers Delmar Young and Gunner Larsen. The work of the committee has been divided so that Brother Carr works with the High Priests Brother Young is to work with the Seventies, and Brother Larsen wilh all the Elders' groups in the Stake.

This Blood Bank has been established for the purpose of assisting members of the Berkeley Stake and upon proper authorization hospitals in our area may draw from the Bank on behalf of Stake members.

It would be appreciated if Bishops of each ward would inform their members of this plan so that a sufficient supply of blood will be available if the need arises.

It is hoped that all brothers and sisters in the stake who are able to donate blood to the plan will give us their names and telephone numbers in order that the committee can get in touch with them for appointments with the bank. The committee especially requests the cooperation of the Melchizedek Prieshood and their wives to carry forward this plan. They are desirous of having enough sign up so that it will not be necessary to call on the same person more than once every year or two.

Anyone wishing to make his own appointment directly with the bank my call Alameda County Association, 354 Hobart St., Oakland; GLencourt 2-2828.

For further information call Elmo Carr, THornwall 3-6215.

HIGH PRIESTS' PROJECT

At the regular High Priests' Quorum meeting held May 26, 1951, a motion was made and carried that each high priest in the stake be assessed $2.00 for the purpose of partitioning off a portion of the shed at the Welfare Center to be used for a High Priests' Quorum project.

Several suggestions have been made relative to a quorum project, viz: grinding wheat, handling Idaho potatoes as we did last year, or a Word of Wisdom project. Any ideas as to quorum projects should be submitted to Don C. Wood, president of the Quorum.

Letters will be mailed to each member of the quorum in the near future listing all particulars relative to this plan and the assessment of $2.00 per member. It is suggested that all group leaders support this movement and do all they can to expedite the collection of this $2.00 special assessment.

STAKE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

After a late start the softball program for 1951 is now well under way. Eight teams are entered —each team playing all other teams once. Most of the games will be played at Acalanes High School or Garfield Junior High School with two games sheduled at Pittsburg and one at Martinez.

Team managers are listed below. We encourage all quorums to support these men in fielding the best teams possible and to join in this activity for a lot of fun. The Stake winner will play in the Regional play-offs with the Regional winner going to the All-Church Tournament in Salt Lake City.

Berkeley First — Cornell Jarman; Berkeley Second—Jack V. Evans; Claremont—Scott Bybee; East Richmond, Ray W. Echols; Martinez — Gardner Swensen; Pittsburg — Kenard Stephenson; Richmond—Gordon Harrison; and Walnut Creek—Russell Bates.—MPC July Bulletin.

The stake recently acquired one acre of additional land adjoining the present stake tabernacle site after selling some building lots to pay for the acre. The stake has left 27,000 square feet to add to its parking space area.

Claremont ward has been enabled to obtain an additional 27½ foot frontage for parking space adjoining its present building site. Actual construction now awaits only a few detailed drawings.

Marinez ward has completed its notable project of erecting a new bridge over the creek bed on the approach to their ward chapel.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR LT. RICHARD NEAL EWING

Lieutenant Richard Neal Ewing, who was a recent casualty in Korea, was held in high regard as shown by the large attendance at the Memorial services conducted by the Berkeley First and Second Wards, Sunday afternoon, July 22, 1951.

Elder Ewing is the husband of our beloved Averell Mahl Ewing, who grew up in the Berkeley Ward where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mahl, were early active members. Neal and Averill were married by former Bishop Denzel C. Allen at Berkeley Chapel Recreation hall prior to their trip to the Salt Lake Temple.

Friends and relatives came to the memorial services from Santa Monica, Merced and Berkeley Stakes. An honor guard of his brothers in arms, the United States Marines, also attended.

The speakers were Patriarch Earl White of Santa Monica stake, who, as bishop of Santa Monica, baptized and confirmed Neal a member of the Church, and former Bishop Denzel C. Allen. Frank Parsons gave one of his scripture readings. Vocal solos were sung by Sister Vera Meredith.

The heartfelt sympathy of all is extended to Averill, her two chilren and her parents, Brother and Sister Mahl.

THE BLOOD BANK

From time to time, as situations demanded, the Latter-day Saints of Berkeley have donated blood when such emergencies arose. Now the elders of the Berkeley Stake are sponsoring a blood bank as a permanent project. Thanks to the elders.

VACATIONING

Brother Elwood F. Meredith, the capable Berkeley Stake clerk, took his vacation at Wolfbourough Boy Scout Camp with the troops of scouts from Claremont, Berkeley First and Second wards.

Brother and Sister Mayhew are to be congratulated on the arrival of a granddaughter, the first child of Douglas and Martha Leigh (Mayhew) Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Erickson have built a fine new two-room cabin with a spacious porch at the Liahona Campsite in the Stanislaus Forest where they camped several week-ends during July.

I. B. Ball spent ten days camping at the same Campsite in the latter part of July.

A dozen or more Berkeley M Men and Gleaner Girls spent the week end of July 28-29 at the Liahona Campsite, hiking and swimming, and holding a Sunday morning devotional service at which Clyde Sullivan delivered a beautiful sermon in the open-air amphitheatre.

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Hayward News

Rod Wilson and family, out riding Sunday afternoon, were hit by two Mexicans—no one was hurt.

Elder Hipwell, who has been laboring in our midst, has been transferred to Alameda. Elder Clive has come to take his place.

Sarah Johnston is vacationing in Idaho and will attend an Anderson family reunion. Sarah drove up with a brother, Lars, of Castro Valley. Out of a family of 16 brothers and sisters only one brother will be absent. He lives in Denmark. Sister Johnston is very active in keeping the record of her father's family in America.

The Hayward softball team could use a little backing; there is lots of room in the rooting vallery. Our old home team is now in second place, pushing first. With Ross McClellan in there pitching, we'll be in first any time now.

A stork shower was given in the home of Ed Perry for daughter, Phillis. It will be something new for Jenny Perry to be called "Grandma."

Dasel and Cathey Mathews spent two weeks visiting friends and relatives in Utah. Virginia Jones is teaching swimming this summer on the Youths' Summer program. Anne Livingston is to be released as a stake missionary; she is already up to her neek in Sunday School Board work.

TheStake Missionaries held a very spiritual and faith promoting sacrament-cottage meeting at the home of Brother Jack Beck. Many wonderful testimonjes were given July 30; Brother LeRoy Blaser is taking his picturs and lecture to the Becks' home. Sister Beck, age 95, is most interested.

Mutual started out with a bang. Sister Helen Ream is at the helm of the Young Ladies. Any who do not attend will certainly miss much. Brother Flyod Brooks will make the Special Interest class very interesting.

It was Brigham Young who said: "I would that Church members were as true to their calling as the Devil is to his."

San Francisco Stake

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ren, are ardent supporters of all Church activities and they will be missed. Following a recent meeting of the combined MIA Boards, the Nielsons entertained at their home with watermelon.

CORRECTIONS

The unusual and gay "Hobo" party given recently was not planned by Hope Peterson, as previously printed, but by Byrl Theurer, who heads the Special Interest department of the Stake. Helen Whatcott has been transferred to the Mia Maids department. Marian Nelson is driving to Utah for her vacation and Lyle Rassmussen is going even farther, visiting in Utah, Oregon and Arizona.

RELIEF SOCIETY

Gladys Winter, Stake Relief Society president, with her councilors, Edna Sommers and Jessie Martin, and Ann Barton of her board, went to a special meeting at San Rafael last month. They found the women being given instructions in ceramisc. A luncheon was later served to all. Sister Winter announces that Ethel Titus, who was secretary with the previous presidency will continue in that work.

Doctor Evan Perkins has been called into the Army. His wife, Venice, who is Stake Primary Secretary, is visiting her family in Salt Lake City.

Fathers and sons, save the dates of August 24 and 25 for the annual Fathers' and Sons' outing will be held in Samuel Taylor Park in Marin County.

Napa Ward

By NAOMI O. CANDLAND.

On June 2 the Rex Bridges of the Santa Rosa Stake High Council welcomed a new baby daughter, Carolyn Vee; They have two other children, Nancy and Stephen.

Brother and Sister Charles Okerlund have just returned from Salt Lake City; while there they had the opportunity or going through the Salt Lake Temple and having their marriage solemnized.

The past month the Advanced Senior Sunday School class enjoyed an outing at Boyes Springs.

The friends of Dick Todd will be happy to hear of his recent baptism into the Latter-day Saint Church, which was performed in Tokyo, Japan. Dick is stationed there with the Army.

Sister Dorothy Knowlton was recently sustained as Second Counselor in Primary to Sister Beatrice Lundell.

The Napa ward welcomes the following new members to the ward: Brother and Sister Frank Adams and family from Ukiah, and Brother and Sister Beckstrom from Coalinga Branch.

A large number from Napa ward enjoyed the State Pioneer Day outing at Santa Rosa.

July 24, Napa ward members enjoyed a picnic dinner, baseball and dancing at Vichy Springs, commemorating Pioneer Day.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

The Apostle James in his epistle to the Saints can be very timely in this day when the world seems to be so unsettled with many adverstities. That portion that seems to have been the theme of his epistle was used in a talk by Brother Rex L. Bridges of the Santa Rosa Stake High Council, and again it can be used and brought to our attention that we might profit thereby.

"If any man among you seem to be religious and bridleth not his tongue, but deceivth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

It is my prayer that all of us as children of God may heed wise council given by the prophets of the most High, and endure faithful to the end. Our trials may be great but with the aid of one another and our Heavenly Father we can surely succeed. May our efforts bring forth fruit, and let us share our happiness and blessings with others denying them nothing, that Joy and happiness and love may enter into the hearts of all men.—BISHOP ALLAN C. WOOLLEY.

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Maxwell Park Ward

By MARJORIE HAWKINS.

Comfng events for the Mutual are exciting, entertaining and exclusively for you and your friends. So come out every Thursday evening and have FUN during the summer. August 14 we will have a Scavenger Hunt meet at the ward at 7:30. August 28, is the ward Family Picnic, held at the Joaquin Miller Park. We have reserved the Cascade Fire Circle, so we'll meet you there with your family. Everyone in the ward is invited.

August 8, 1951, is an important date for all MIA workers to keep open. The General Authorities from the Mutual Board in Salt Lake will be here to give us inspiration and instruction in our stake MIA to be held at the Alameda ward.

August 5, the Sunday evening meeting will be under the direction of the Primary. Besides a program, they will have a display of Handicrafts that have been completed during the summr program.

The Relief Society meets every Second Tuesday during the Summer at the ward hall for their work meeting. All ladies of the ward are invited to come.

If you want a good work-out, and one that will satisfy your mental attitude, contact Lee Wright, KE. 3-4323, and make a date to go out to the Welfare Farm. The men who have been out this summer have really enjoyed it. A good example was set by our own Patriarch Paine, who, after working at the farm till it was dark last Monday night, stopped by to cheer our softball team. They recruited him as the pitcher, and it was the best game we've played all season. The score was tied 7-7 with Dimond ward, when the time limit was called. So men—it behooves you all to get in condition at the Welfare Farm and then come and help us win our softball games.

We would like to obtain a complete record of all Aaronic Priesthood boys between the ages of 12 and 21. Grant Hawkins is the new Aaronic Priesthood Coordinator. If there is anyone in this age group who has been inactive, we invite you to come out and meet with the boys of this group. Priesthood meeting is held at 9:00 a.m., every Sunday morning.

A heartfelt vote of thanks to Dean and Helen Mann, who have carried on their work in the Sunday School since moving to Berkeley, but who are now transferring their membership record to that stake. We know Berkeley's gain is our loss.

Manton and LaPreal Moody are really thrilled with their new title! Grandpa and Grandma, that it. Their daughter, Deaun, recently gave birth to a fine baby boy. Congratulations to the mama and daddy, too, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lewis

Congratulations to Johnnie Krage and the former Elaine Smith from Elmhurst ward on their recent marriae. They surprised us all. We extend our best wishes for happiness to a couyple of lovable kids.

Vacationers from the ward include Bishop Bybee and family, Hazel and Bill Matheson and family, Norma, Lucille and Joan Williams, Rosetta and LaMar Thomas, Iona Arnolds and family, Iva Turner, our new Relief Society President, Brother and Sister Tom Farr, our ward clerk and countless others. As this goes to print our Sunday School Superintendent and family, along with Blythe and Edna Mitchell, his wife's parents, will be in Logan, Utah, where they plan to go to the Temple and be sealed for time and all eternity We hope all these fine people will enjoy their vacations and come back full of enthusiasm and ready to go to work for the Lord, in helping to make our ward a credit to His name.

Centerville

By BESSIE PURDY.

Jed Oxborrow will be the new principal-teacher at Mission San Jose Elementary School. Jed was at the Centerville Washington High for 4½ years as head of the Agricultural Department, being graduate of Nevada and having attended the Colorado State and California Polytechnic. Isabelle will continue with the Kindergarten department and folk dancing at Niles. The Oxborrows wtih Kathy and Jed, Jr., and the Pugmires with Carol and Vaughn will leave July 25 for Yellowstone, spending part of their vacation in Utah.

Our faculty meeting was held at the Lindsay home. Supt. Clyde Lindsay gave the lesson from the "Master's Art," following the discussion with some very interesting questions from the Bible and Church History which kept us on the alert. The next meeting will also be held there during the vacationjng summer. Marie's sisters, Mrs. Wilford Beesley and Mrs. Franklin Murdock, are visiting from Salt Lake. Both are members of the Tabernacle Choir; at Sunday School they graciously favored us with a duet. They have very beautiful voices.

Also visiting at Sunday School were Mrs. William Purdy and son, Richard, who are here from Bountiful at the Jack McConnell home; and Mrs. Pyle, a niece of the Johnny Lindlers. Mrs. Dan Bodily's sister is visiting them. Skipper Bodily, who has been at the hospital with rheumatic fever, is improving. The J. R. Jibsons have had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Reeder with their six children.

Superintendent Clyde Lindsay is leaving July 28, for a week's fishing trip, and the Ed Mauhns are spending a week with Mrs. Maughn's sister. Ed is working at Pittsburg for a short time but comes home for Sunday.

Beth Dunn and her three children have left for Utah where they will make their future home, at Provo.

The Eatons spent the week-end at Marysville. They will bring David back after a month's vacation with his sisters and their families.

We are happy to welcome the Robertsons home after their three week vacation in Utah. They report a very pleasant trip.

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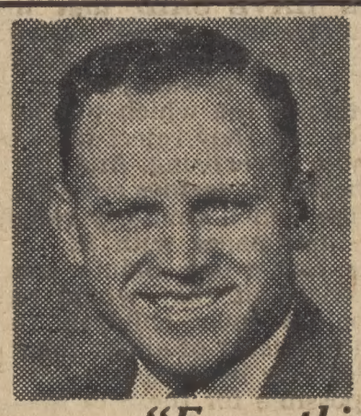
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LIQUOR ADVERTISING

Deseret News Editorial—January 3, 1951

DURING THE YEAR 1950 about 200 newspapers and magazines in America refused to sell their space for advertising of alcoholic beverages.

Many western readers have felt that the Deseret News was a lone voice "crying in the wilderness" when refusing to advertise beer or hard liquor. They will be surprised to learn that 193 newspapers in the United States now refuse to carry such advertising. And in addition, some of the largest and best magazines are also in that class.

What newspapers are they? A telegram received from Charles J. Feldman, advertising director of the Des Moines Register and Tribune, largest newspapers in the state of Iowa, says: "Advertising of alcoholic beverages is not accepted in our newspapers."

The Kansas City Star, largest paper in its territory, wires: "Alcoholic beverage advertising not acceptable for our columns."

The Washington Post, at Washington, D. C., restricts it from its large Sunday newspapers.

Others listed by Standard Rate and Data, publishers' trade magazine, include such newspapers as the Berkeley, Calif., Gazette, the Burlingame, Calif., Advance, the Hollywood Citizen-News, the Palo Alto Times, the Redlands Facts, the Redwood City Tribune, the Santa Cruz Sentinel and News, and the Whittier, Calif., News.

The Kansas City Kansan, the Christian Science Monitor, published in Boston; the Independence, Mo., Examiner; more than a dozen newspapers in the state of New York, including three in New York City, and the Times Union in Rochester; more than a dozen others in Texas, including the Waco News-Tribune and Times-Herald, and the Wichita Falls Record-News, and the Wichita Falls Times. Papers from Alabama and Virginia, to the Pacific Northwest, are in the list, all rejecting alcoholic beverage ads.

THE SATURDAY EVENING POST and Good Housekeeping, two of the most widely circulated magazines in the nation, refuse this kind of business.

Good Housekeeping in one year rejected a million dollars' worth of objectionable advertising. It has turned down all liquor advertising since 1885, and has the largest 35c circulation in the history of magazines.

Latter-day Saints, who are fighting for the clean life more than any other people, should certainly appreciate the value of publications which refuse to advertise liquor or beer, or cigarets, either, for that matter.

SOME HAVE SAID that the good publications do not restrict the use of their columns. There are no better newspapers anywhere than those which publicly announce that they reject this objectionable advertising. And there are no better magazines anywhere than those which similarly refuse to blot their pages with it.

If the Latter-day Saints were to be consistent they would not place before their children the subtle advertising of either tobacco or alcoholic beverages.

It is possible for them to bring into their homes only those newspapers and magazines which reject it. And in doing so they will not suffer any loss in quality of reading matter.

Pioneer Roster Blank

(The following letter will explain itself and particularly applies to a few LDS families in California.)

Oakland, Calif.
July 13, 1951

Dear Mr. Ball:

Here is the pioneer roster blank I promised to send you and below you will find my article on the pioneer roster, which you said you would print in your next paper, "The Messenger."

"The Native Daughters of the Golden West are preserving all of the early history of California, and the names of those pioneers who helped make it. Those of you who had families come to California during the gold rush days or were born here up to and including the year, 1869, and whose names are not already on this pioneer roster, please contact Mrs. Leona B. Suesman, 4004 Penniman Ave., Oakland 19, Calif., or call ANdover 1-8697 for full particulars and registration blanks.

"It isn't necessary to belong to a Native Daughter parlor to have names added to the great pioneer roster."

Thank you,
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Oakland 19, California.

4 LDS Girls and Supervisor Killed By Lightening

The whole Church as well as the nation has been shocked by the radio and press news of the killing of five LDS members of a group of Idaho Falls girls and their supervisors while on an outing in the Teton Peaks area of Idaho east of Driggs, late in July, 1951.

Forty-two of the total group of 150 had started on a climb to some caves above the camp, and were taking shelter under the trees from a sudden downpour of rain. Five of these were killed and nine others injured, while still others were dazed by the lightening that traveled down a tall pine tree, causing it to explode with deadly power of destruction.

Many are saying to themselves, if not audibly: "Why does the Lord allow such things to come upon his saints? It doesn't seem right." But nothing is clearer in the pages of history of the Church and of mankind in general than that mishaps and accidents and afflictions come upon the righteous as well as upon the unrighteous.

An old saying adds a note of humor to it: "The rain descends upon the righteous and the unrighteous. But mostly upon the righteous because the unrighteous have borrowed their umbrellas."

The fate of the LDS handcart company that was caught in the early snows while crossing the plains in the pioneering days of the Church; the afflictions and sufferings of the Church exploring party that tried to find and open a way from Cedar City to the San Juan country in southeast Utah in the early days; the extreme suffering of the saints who had been expelled from Nauvoo because of the extra severe winter weather of that year as they trekked wearily across Iowa. Then hundreds died.

These and hundreds of instances of group and individual cases of a like kind show the same pattern. The Book of Job and the Donner Party illustrate that mankind in this fallen world is left to bear with the miseries of earth life as best it can except in special cases when the faith and prayers of worthy and humble children of our Father have been sufficient to bring deliverance in miraculous instances. Such was the coming of the quail to feed the starving camp of Saints in Iowa at the period mentioned; another case was the seagull deliverance of the Utah pioneers from the grasshopper plaque.

"Why do the righteous suffer?" was the theme of the Book of Job, and still each generation must ask the same question, always old; always new.

No one can give any complete answer, perhaps, but there are many helpful thoughts in getting at the meaning of these awful tragedies of life.

Mankind must exercise caution or he will suffer needlessly. In the case of the girls under that high pine tree in the Tetons during that rain and thunder storm, there is the common warning that we all have heard not to stand under trees at such times because they are apt to become lightening conductors, being high and moist inside and outside during a rain storm. The desire to get out of the rain causes one to take chances.

Of course, the Lord could stop the lightening. He could stop the drownings of persons who go out over their depths; the falls of persons who climb dizzy mountain heights. He could stop all accidents. But would this be wise on His part in dealing with His children in this life? Where would man's sense of personal responsibility for his own welfare go if the Lord did interpose and save us from all accidents? For if he saved us from one such case, he would have to save us from all, to be consistent.

It is clear that the Lord leaves us responsible for our own safety. Yet even if we do our best, there still are sudden deaths that come when no one is responsible or could have prevented it, as in earthquakes, etc.

We must remember that we are in a fallen world, and that we are here as a result of a broken law which makes us all subject to the ills of this earth life. Spiritually, we are in worse danger than physically, for we are lost from the presence of our Father because of our own sins as a result of our fallen natures and the abundance of temptations about us. We must notforget that it is verily true that unless the Savior had interceded for us and taken upon Himself our sins we should forever be shut out from peace and happiness after death, being without a body and in the power of that awful monster, the Devil. And on this earth, what would be existence without the teachings, sent down from heaven to chosen teachers and prophets among all nations?

The Lord, however, has overcome the world, He tells us. He has power to overrule all ills for good for those who love Him. Every trial and tribulation are but trainers for greater achievements when met courageously, in the right spirit; every discouragement, every disheartening experience, every low spirited period when met in meekness but firmness and endured as well as may be are but keys to a higher enlightment at long last. When Job was at his lowest ebb, his spirit turned and he sings the strong song, "For I know that my Redeemer liveth."

It is so for us all who follow the Savior's words, the first ones He spoke in the Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the poor in spirit who come unto me, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The effect of low spiritedness, a condition of being "poor in spirit," discouragement, etc., when met with humility is to bring us to Him in prayer and pleading from the very depth of our heart to the very heart of God our Father.

Then the kingdom of heavenly peace from Him can flow into our being, and we are "lifted up and strengthened." That is what happened to Job; that is what the first beatitude promises to all. Of this we bear testimony. It is true.

And if we died as these five Latter-day Saints died by the lightening bolt, what evil has come to us? We wake in paradise, and its peace and rest, amid our loved ones, and the Church and Assembly of the First Born! There are tasks for our hands and duties for our minds, and the purest of joys for souls. Surely, that is not too great a tragedy when rightly considered.

May it not be that those who are thus taken out of this wartorn world do not find much to grieve over? Perhaps if they could speak to us who are so shocked by their sudden death, we would see things in a truer light. God is over all, and overrules all things for good for those who love Him. —I. B. B.

Samuel Taylor, Redwood Ward, Wins Praise From California Book Reviewer

The following high praise was received by Samuel Taylor whose father was the late Apostle John W. Taylor, and whose grandfather, John Taylor, was third president of the church. The Berkeley Gazette "Book Shelf" page on May 9, 1951, declared:

"'In the quiet world of books, an author is thought to be industrious if he can write one book a year. And unless he has the right contact, or a contract, it may be quite a few years before the book is finally published ready to be sold in book stores. So, therefore, when a man is as successful in this field as Samuel Taylor of Redwood City has been, we think his accomplishments deserve a note of recognition.

He has seen the publication of his second mystery, "The Grinning Gismo," from the company of A. A. Wyn, Inc., publication by McGraw-Hill of his true story of his Mormon father, called "Family Kingdom," and will, on Thursday night, see the first production of his play, "The Square Needle," at the Downtown theatre in San Francisco, with an all-Hollywood cast headed by Victor Jory and Wayne Morris.

The most remarkable feature of this performance of Mr. Taylor's is that his successes have occurred in the three very specialized fields of the mystery novel, biography and the drama.

Already known as a topflight magazine writer, and author of two novels, one, "The Man With My Face," an excellent suspense story, he has, so far, piled up the following impressive record this spring.

We also forgot to tell you that he has just returned from a flying trip to Utah where he spoke in quite a few cities about his book "Family Kingdom." We'll try to discover the source of this energy of Samuel Taylor's when we see him backstage tomorrow night but if we are wise, we'll keep it to ourselves and emulate his example.

Ricks Professor Assigned to Tonga

EMERAL J. MORTON, professor of English at Ricks, College, will leave soon by air for Tonga to organize the new Liahona College.

The college buildings being built by the Church utilizing help of members there, are to be completed about next July.

Elder Morton translated the Book of Mormon into the Tongan language while serving on a mission to the islands in 1939.

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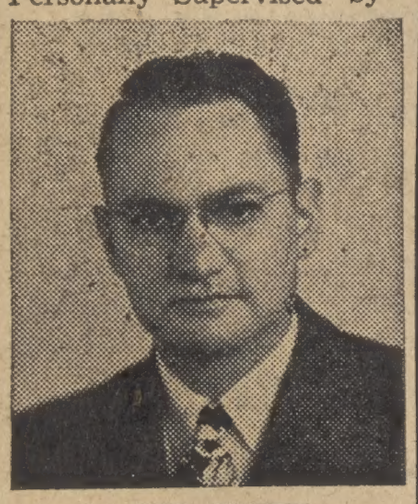
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Western Historian Annelone D. Patton Writes Story Of Lansford W. Hastings Of Hastings Cutoff, Montezuma Fame

A series of articles on Lansford W. Hastings and early California and Western History from the pen of Berkeley's Western research historian, Annaleone D. Patton was requested and published in the Solano County Courier during July, 1951.

This weekly newspaper is owned and published by Bro. Ray E. Campbell who also publishes The Messenger and "The Ranger," the only newspaper generally distributed at the great Travis air base.

Lansford W. Hastings is an interesting historical character to LDS, and to citizens of Solano county and California for certain reasons, as revealed in Mrs. Patton's article:

1. He was a natural born promoter, an ambitious, convincing orator, but also a fearless, reckless opportunist. He view the West as an opportunity to attain position, empire, leadership, fame.

2. After going to Oregon (1842) he turned to California as the "best bet" and decided to promote emigration here, and set out on a program of diverting travelors to this state.

3. He published his famous "Emigrants' Guide" and advertised his "Hastings Cutoff" around the southern end of the Great Salt Lake. In pioneering this route he promoted the first trail over the mountains and down what we know as Emigration Canyon, the trail the Mormon Pioneers followed in 1847. And it was this route the Donner Party pioneered, met delay, only to be caught by early snows in the High Sierra.

4. Hastings talked with members of the migrating Mormon Pioneers; noted that they used the broad term "California" (it then was applied to everything from the Rockies to the coast), in speaking of their destination; laid plans to attract the Mormons to a land colony he decided to found and selected as this site a large area at the head of Suisun Bay. Here midway between Sacramento and San Francisco (then still Yerba Buena village), on a tract accessible by water or land to both these points, he ordered a ferry boat and a windmill, built a strong adobe house and a little church, and called it all "Montezuma."

5. To this day these old structures still stand as a monument to Hastings' grandiose ambitions. "Hastings' dream of making Montezuma, Solano county, California, a Mormon Mecca, a colonial empire, a dream city, vanished when the Mormons settled in the Salt Lake Valley."

6. Hastings' subsequent life became dramatic, tragic. He bought a store at Coloma, 1848, successfully bidding against Sam Brannan; set himself up also in 1848 as an "Attorney and Counselor at Law and Solicitor in Chancery Collector of Local and Foreign Bills, San Francisco, Upper California;" served (1849) as delegate to the Constitutional Convention at Monterey; moved self and bride (1850) to Yuma, Arizona; returned to California in 1862 where his wife died; left his daughter in the convent at Benicia and went to Mexico.

7. In 1863 Hastings "developed an ambitious scheme whereby the Confederacy of Southern States was to seize Arizona and promote a permanent thorofare through that territory and thus maintain an unbroken intercourse between California and the Confederacy. The plan was rejected. But Hastings was a rebel, dealing with rebels.

8. After the Civil War "Hastings fled (1867) to Brazil where he developed a scheme to locate the disfranchised Confederates in Brazil, but died about 1870 while on a voyage guiding his second boat load of Brazil bound emigrants to his new Utopia in South America."

Thus ended the trail for Lansford W. Hastings He was another of the many characters that make the pioneering of the West instructure and dramatic reading.

Thanks goes to Mrs. Patton for her researches. For the first time, she has brought to light and placed in one connected narrative the life of this bold-visioned adventurer and his queer dream city Montezuma on Suisun Bay, Solano County, California, and attempted bizarre connection with the migration of the Mormon people.

Intermountain News

● Alex G. Obland former Utahn and graduate of U. of U. now famous as holder of 65 industrial patents and author of 25 technical treatises, and head of the research department of Houndry Process Co. of Philadelphia, said in Salt Lake July 20 that he was glad to be back "in Utah's warm, dry climate, and to be where people seem happy and relaxed."

● America is a great deal better than the concept of her which the Dutch people have. The family life is richer and much fuller canthan I thought. Yet the American women fall short of the European belief that they are the most glamorous and best groomed women in the world.said Dutch Journalist Miss Ann Kamstra in Salt Lake City in July interview.

● An interesting Utah story involves a shipment of 1000 cherry trees sent by the Scouts of Tokyo for the International Peace Garden in Salt Lake City but condemned and burned at Seattle on arrival last year. The airplane charges were $1408. A popular subscription raised $3144; the airplane line cancelled its charges; 1000 new cherry trees have been purhased from local nurserymen and planted; and the residue of $1404 will be used to send Scout equipment to the Tokyo Scout organization. All's well that ends well.

Moab, Utah, recently the locale for the technicolor filming of "The Battle of the Apache Pass," has decided as a town to unite and "go after" more of movie business. All citizens are being photographed and described, the housing facilities described, a long cement landing strip for planes built, and all placed in the movie people's hands as a bid. In the meantime Kanab is again being used for a grand film at the present time.

● Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf, famed UC coach, is spending time in Utah and will become a member of an athletic clinic August 13 at the U. of A.

Teaching Irreligion In School Decried

By ALBERT E. BOWEN, Apostle

I fully agree with and concur in the statutory and constitutional provisions which forbid the teaching of the religion of any creed in the public schools. But I should like respectfully to suggest that the same laws which prohibit the teaching of the tenets of any religious faith in the public schools, by every fair intendment, and in any just appraisal of the spirit and purpose of them, forbid with equally imperious authority the criticizing of such tenets or undermining belief in them, either by direct disapprobation or by vieled innuendo.

If a teacher may not teach religion, he certainly is not authorized to teach irreligion. Neither denominational belief, nor religion itself, nor faith in God, about whom religious thought and action must revolve, may with propriety be, with intent undermined, nor in any degree whatsoever subjected to any sort of disparagement. There is much wisdom in the dictum of James Russell Lowell that "the worst kind of religion is no religion at all."

I am sure no one will suppose I intend any wholsesale indictment of the teachers or the schools. That would be unwarranted and unfair. I know there are many, perhaps the great majority, who, by word and action maintain the dignity of religion and deplore the waning of its influence in scholastic and secular life.

But I also know that there is a loud and clamorous minority. some of them in strategic places, who in "dealing with man and human life, exclude the spiritual, supernatural, God, the other world and moral law with fixed principles." The triumph of that philosophy would pull our national house down over our heads and leave the land in chaos.

Time is long; the perspective of history stretches back indefinitely far; it is strewn with the wreckage of empires; civilization after civilization has come and gone. Almost universally moral decay has been the precusor of their fall. The Christian religion has seen systems come and go, but its principles have persisted in the world. Who shall say that men and nations are not governed by a moral law steadfastly working its will amid all mutations of time?

(Elder Albert E. Bowen of the Council of Twelve. From a radio address delivered in 1943 over KSL.)—Des. News. June 6, 1951.

● Business Week, national magazine, in July featured an article on the huge ZCMI. "Wholesale Center" in the great rejuvenated former Remington Arms plant of 500,000 square feet. Entitled, "Wholesaling—The Mormon Way," the article pictures Harold H. Bennett, 51, able vice-president and manager. 550 persons are employed. 19 per cent was the business increase last year.

● The famed annual LDS pageant at the Hill Cumorah," Americas Witness for Christ," was again presented August 9, 10, and 11. An estimated 77,000 persons gathered to hold this spectacle last year. Dramatized at night, the action takes place on four brilliantly lighted stages erected upon the pine-covered hill. 212 LDS missionaries produce the pageant which is again being directed by Dr. H. I. Hansen, professor of drama at the UAC, Logan, Utah. The pageant can be viewed free either from one's car, or from free seats in the grandstand. The Palmyra Chamber of Commerce cooperates, and will make hotel reservations in advance on request.

● A Canadian "Leadership Week" was conducted by six BYU faculty members for 500 Canadian saints Juzly 30-August 3. Included are classes in "Basketball Coaching," "Religion," "Art in Every-day Life," and "Teacher—Training.

San Leandro News

By VERNA JACKSON.

JULY NEWS

Vacation time is obviously here. Our Sunday meetings and auxiliary organizations have been missing the familjar faces of regular attenders. But vacations are needed by all to bring back sparkle and enthusiasm and interest in our regular living.

Certainly vacation time hasn't had any effect on the standard of our various meetings—especially Sacrament services. They have been outstanding and those in attendance have felt the spirit of the Lord in rich abundance. And so we encourage you who are in the area, to attend Sacrament services and enjoy the spirit that is felt among us.

Nor have the ladies of the Relief Society "let down" during this summer season. They have always taken advantage of opportunities that come their way and this past week took advantage of the price war that is going on around us to invest in three General Electric ovens. It appears as if they are willing and prepared to cook more good dinners for the ward.

Mutual and Primary keep up their interesting summer activities. Enjoy their planned programs with them.

This past month it has been necessary to say goodbye to our good friends Bill and Glenona Farnsworth and their little family. Lt. Farnsworth has been transferred to Dayton, Ohio, with the Air Force. We have enjoyed knowing them and have appreciated the assistance they have been in so many ways to our San Leandro ward.

We have also keenly felt the move of Dick and Marion Lindsay although they were members of the ward for perhaps less than a year. However, they appreciated the value of active participation in the Church and immediately upon arrjving in San Leandro offered their services. The Lindsays have transferred to Denver, Colorado.

We are also going to miss Bob and Louise Moore and their family from our ward. However, the Moores haven't moved quite such a distance and we hope to visit with them frequently. They are making their home in Hayward.

Yet our ward continues to grow and here's a great big official welcome to a bouncing baby boy, 10 lbs. 14 oz., who has come to make his home with the Max Beck family. And congratulations and good wishes also to Albert and Neya Griggs and their dainty daughter, who arrived July 21.

May we also at this time extend our sincere sympathy to Sister Martha Gaisford and family in the sudden death of her husband, Dewey, on Monday, July 23. Bro. Gaisford is the father of Sister Helene Noble, who is so well known to all of us.

● At least one man uses his means to constantly keep young missionaries in the mission field. He is Adiel F. Stewart of Stewart Bros., SLC., one of the largest of the city's fuel companies, and also part owner of the Cinder Block company. He has kept 25 missionaries in the field in the past 30 years, it is reported. Elder Stewware is no wserving as president of the Temple View stake.

● Extensive renovation work will soon begin for the Logan temple. The cost will amount to about $75,000. Included is a new baptism fount, dressing rooms, and a small room for meetings prior to baptismal work; new electrical fixtures; floor renovating; new plastering and carpeting; painting and decorating throughout.

Lives In Livermore

By MARILYN W. JOHNSON.

You people have never heard from us before. We're a brand new branch—just about. We were organized April 15, 1951, and we think it's time we added our wee small voice to this ever-swelling chorus of "The Messenger."

Meet our officers and teachers:

Our tall, good looking branch president is Bruce W. McLaughlin. He, along with his two counselors, have really had some busy days these last few months, tryin to get things organized. Brother McLaughlin is not only the branch president but ward clerk, ward teacher, has charge of Sacrament meetings and the budget. And then he has side tracked the Relief Society presidency to his wife, Della.

The McLaughlins seem not to have another thing to do, having only five children to raise Oh, by the way, President McLaughlin has a minor job on the side. He is employed by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company during the week days.

The first counselor ,as previously mentioned ,is Brother Frank Ivison who works hard during the week as a carpenter, but works harder on Sunday trying to get all the members out to meetings and keep the children from meeting too much. Woe is me! One can't win!

Next on the list is Brother Albert Cooper, our jolly Enlishman through and through, as second counselor. He's a specialist in meat cutting at the Veterans' Hospital. People have often asked him if it isn't true that he was in some way related to Enrico Caruso. His powerful voice sometimes rocks the chandaliers when we sing "The Spirit of God Like a Fire is Burning."

The rest of the branch membership (we number (66) are engaged in the following jobs. Teacher of the adult class in Sunday School, Loa Mae Edril; Sunday School Secretary, Mildred Medsker; Junior Sunday School Teachers Sylvia Wardell and Merl Creager; Kindergarten, yours truly and Eyvone Creager. I am also the branch chorister, although it's still a mystery to me.

The Priesthood class has Marvin Johnson as teacher. The Relief Society is led as follows: President, Della McLauhlin; first counselor, Merl Creager; secretary Anna Wardell.

There are also a couple of party committees. We have had some very nice parties since we have been organized. On the first of June at Kottinger Village Recreation Hall, we had a fun social. On July fifth, we had a going-away party for the Albanos who were leaving our branch and community. Every Fast Sunday we have a little Fireside get-together after night meeting.

July eighth Jim Ruff and Sisters Livinston and Mower of the stake Sunday School Board, dropped in on us, and on the same night came the combined Fireside group from Castro Valley and Hayward wards. On July 15 Elder James McFarlane, recently returned from the French mission, gave us a very inspirational meeting and two new members joined our group from Salt Lake City, Brother and Sister Virgil Sessions.

We're not very large yet and have to meet in the Odd Fellows hall. We are steadily growing with the influx of people from all over the country. And we love each other and everyone treats the other as a brother. In unity there is strength and we must all pull together so we may grow and fourish. Won't you come out and visit us sometime? Our doors are always open.

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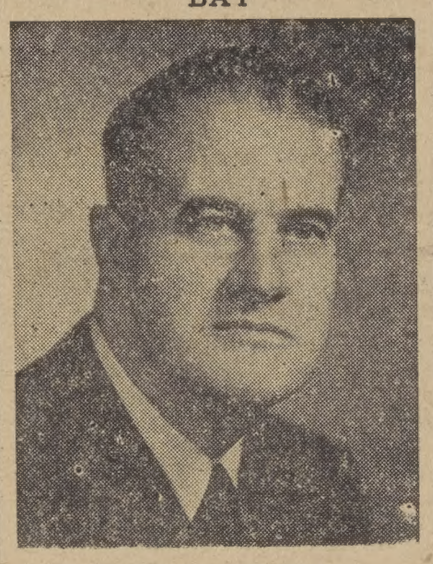

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Berkeley Stake, Sat. and Sun., August 25, 26; Nov. 11 and 12.
Palo Alto Stake, Sat. and Sun., Sept. 15 and 16; Dec. 1 and 2.
San Francisco Stake, Sat. and Sun., September 29 and 30.
Oakland Stake, Sat. and Sun., October 20 and 21.

Berkeley Stake Calendar, August 1951

Saturday, Aug. 18—General Priesthood Meeting; also Leadership Meeting—Berkeley Chapel, 7:30
Friday, Aug. 24—Junior M Men and Junior Gleaner Frolic. Details available through Stake Leaders.
Saturday, Aug. 25—Quarterly Conference, Berkeley Chapel; 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 26—Quarterly Conference Berkeley Chapel 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

When a Prophet Crosses Your Path

It was a humble cottage; humble people lived there. Probably not unlike the many thousands of humble homes in that east Anglican city of Norwich, England—or was it? Outwardly it was probably the same, but a more careful scrutinity of the "inner sanctum" would reveal a difference enjoyed by very few families in that ancient city at the turn of the century. The reason—those humble folk respected the priesthood of God. The mother, a faithful Latterday Saint, taught her little family the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By 1902 we numbered five: Dad, (not then a church member), Mother, Myself, Ted and Edith.

We were a happy family even though polio had wrecked my health with a cruel blow when I was ten months of age, resulting in a crippled right leg and a shattered nervous system. It was this polio which provides the backdrop for our story, and for incidents which changed the whole course of our lives.

My loved ones, the Saints and missionaries, the Emigration Officials, all had indoctrinated me with the belief that I would never be permitted to emigrate to Zion.

Then in 1919 President George Albert Smith was called to preside over the European Mission. Within a few short months, he had touched all our lives with his magic wand of affection. Said he one day during a conference recess, "Wouldn't you like to visit your brother in Salt Lake?" "President Smith," I replied, "you know it is impossible for me to emigrate." "I know nothing of the kind. Moreover, if you wish to go, I will promise you that you will reach Zion in safety." Here was the promise of a Prophet of God contrary to all our expectations. Should we accept the challenge?

On April 30, 1920, we boarded the S. S. "Miteta" at Liverpool, and immediately were called into a meeting with the Emigration Officials who seemed determined not to let us sail as previously agreed. Finally the chairman said to Pres. Smith, "Mr. Smith, I order you to take this couple off the ship at once. We are ready to sail." Pres. Smith replied, "This couple are not leaving the ship so you may as well come to terms." And so the argument continued.

Suddenly, issuing abusive language, the chairman signed and stamped my papers, threw them at me, and shouted to Pres. Smith, "I guess you win!"

Thus we bade goodbye to our beloved President and our Native Land only to experience the same cruel treatment at the port of landing. But a Prophet of the Lord had spoken and, despite all the opposition, we arrived safely in Salt Lake City, May 15, 1920.

A Prophet of God had crossed our path?—Excerts from the Diary of George E. Southgate, former president Oakland Stake H. P. Quorum, now in Salt Lake City.

● The discovery of oil in the Uintah Basin is a story of courage after highest geological authorities had repeatedly declared that no oil would ever be found in Utah (except shales). Still the Carter Oil Company (owned by Standard Oil), kept drilling. In 1948 finally was brought in what they called in honor of the Indians on whose reservation they were drilling, Ute Tribal No. 1 well, running at 1623 barrels a day. In 1950 the Ute Tribal No. 2 well was brought in. Since then every major oil company has acquired rights to land thereabouts.

● Abe Jenkins, famous driver of the Mormon Meteor, of auto speed fame, set 24 new American and World speed records July 20. He drove up to 196 mph. on the Great Salt Lake flats.

● Hail stones nearly one inch in diameter destroyed 75 per cent of grain crops at Grantsville, Utah July 21.

Sons of the Utah Pioneers Luncheon Clubs Active

The Deseret News of July 17, 1951, features a photograph of the executive officers of the Salt Lake City group of "Sons of the Utah Pioneers' Luncheon Club."

Ideals and purposes of this luncheon club are declared to be:

(1) To keep alive the spirit and ideals of our forefathers and to constantly add to their achievements.

(2) To bring into closer fellowship the descendants of the Pioneers and to encourage them into a closer bond of friendship with all citizens, regardless of creed, color or nationality.

(3) To develop our state and the great West so that it will ever be a greater place in which to live.

(4) To stimulate respect for law and order and to promote Americanism.

As a sample of the activities of the "Sons of the Utah Pioneers' Luncheon Club" it is mentioned that they have cooperated with the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers in sponsoring the annual observation of the "DAYS OF '47," a great celebration of rodeos, concerts, pageants and culminating in the great 24th of July parade. This sort of observation is spreading to all the major towns and cities of Utah.

The Messenger feels that it would not be amiss to suggest to those who are eligible for membership in such a dinner or luncheon club that it might be well if someone called the group together sometime to discuss the feasibility of forming such a dinner or luncheon club here to cooperate with the DUP in some worthy projects from time to time. Dinners or lunheons would not need to be oftener than once or twice a year, and on social occasions as called by the executive committee.

Former Berkeleyn Organizes Tiny Sunday School For Church Members in Far-off Arabia

Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Holmes, formerly active members of Berkeley Second ward where they recently visited, but for the past three years associated wih the American Arabian Oil Co., in Arabia, were featured in the Deseret News of July 17 in an illustrated interview.

"Half way around the world," the story relates "in far-off Arabia each Friday morning at 10:30 a.m., (Wednesday is the Mohammedan Sabbath and day of no work), a small group of faithful Latter-day Saints meet in the air-cooled home of one of the members. Organizer of the group is Richard F. Holmes, who now is vacationing in Salt Lake accompanied with his wife and two children. . . . To their daughter, Janet, came the honor of being the first child ever baptized in the Persian Gulf. She was baptized by her father."

Elder Holmes, son of Mrs. Ida Holmes of Berkeley First ward, was superintendent of the ward Sunday School and also for a time was the teacher of the Gospel Doctrine class, while the family lived in Berkeley second ward and until the time of their removal to their present home in Arabia.

Visits Friends In Bay Area

Dr. Douglas Barnes, formally very active in Berkeley stake and ward, and now serving as patriarch in Long Beach stake, was a July house guest of Charles I. and Rhea M. Gustaveson. The Gustavesons were formerly associated with Elder Barnes in Church workin the Southland.

Patriarch Barnes is currently teaching at the Los Angeles City College of which Howard McDonald, formerly of Berkeley and San Franciso, is president.

Blessings Received:

The Still Small Voice

BY MILDRED M. FONTANO.

Eighty-six years seems a long time to me but to Martha Hardy McKaige it's nothing. She is so busy not keeping up with the Jones' but keeping up with herself that she doesn't count years.

When she was a young girl, Patriarch John Smith gave her a patriarchial blessing in which he told among other important things, to "listen to that still small voice."

If you have the privilege of sitting an hour with this stalwart of faith you will go away with a determinaion to live nearer to your Creator. She has had an interesting life in Utah, Hawaii and California.

One day when Martha was in her sixteenth year she was at her brother Will Hardy's ranch in Parley's Canyon. The women of the family had gone to a cozy nook on an island to sew where the water and cool willows kept the heat away.

Martha was in the house reading when a small voice said, "Go out the back door." She hesitated, but the command was repeated, and she ran out. In front of her was a hogshead cut to make a tub; it was full of water for the horses. Her niece, little baby Emily, was lying in the water, head and shoulders submerged and feet hanging out over the tub.

Martha quickly pulled her out, but the child was like one dead. She put her over a barrel to get water from her body; then applied artificial respiraion and breathing into her lungs. At last a flicker of an eyelid. She prayed as she worked. A blanket and warm broth was the final help when the child's breathing had become normal.

On another day of that same summer Martha had put on her pretty dress of white lawn with pink roses, her "pride and joy." She was sitting in front of the house playing her guitar. The women were again away on the island retreat sewing. The children were running up and down the lane in the soft dust of the wagon roads.

That same small voice came again saying, "Look!" There thru the fence rails in the land she could see baby Emily's blonde head. The other children had come inside the fence hurridly and closed the gate. Martha soon saw the reason for their haste.

A herd of wild horses was dashing pell mell down the lane. Where the guitar went no one knows. But Martha jumped the fence and grabbed Emily, frantially waving her left arm at the oncoming herd. They parted enough to miss her, but the herd boys almost ran her down.

She and baby Emily were black with dust; her "pride and joy", rose-flowered dress, was a mess. Somehow she reached the yard and then sank on the porch. Her brother, Will Hardy, coming from the corrall, said:

"Martha, you're a regular deer when it comes to running and jumping. I thought you were crazy to bolt that fence and to run in front of those wild horses. You scared me. Weren't you afraid?"

"No," said Martha. "I didn't have time to be afraid; but while I was standing in the road it seemed ages before the horses went by."

Baby Emily was scared too, as Martha reached up and pulled her clutching fingers from the hold they had on Martha's neck.

Martha had again heeded that "still small voice." She said, "There is never any time to waste when that voice speaks. One should heed and act quickly."

Film Now Available

Through the courtesy of Phil Lewis of Richmond an educational film "Sergeant Bruce Reporting" has been made available for Mutual Improvement organizations of Berkeley Stake.

The film deals with traffic safety and driving safely. Filmed with the technical assistance of the Los Angeles Police Department, they graphically depict aspects of safe driving — likeable lessons for youngpeople—and their elders—together with an unforgetable tribute to common sense and courtesy.

For information and details ward MIA officers should call Brother Lewis at Beacon 2-8663, or write him at 513 17th Street, Richmond. Because of the great demand for the films you should get your calls in early.

The Almighty Directed Pioneers to Salt Lake Val.

By Brigham Young

I DO NOT WISH men to understand that I had anything to do with our being moved here, that was the providence of the Almighty. It was the power of God that wrought out salvation for this people, I never could have devised such a plan. . . .

We have faith, we live by faith; we came to these mountains by faith. We came here, I often say, though to the ears of some the expression may sound rather rude, naked and barefoot; and comparatively this is true. . . .

We had to have faith to come here. When we met Mr. Briger on the Big Sandy River, said he, "Mr. Young, I would give a thousand dollars if I knew an ear of corn could be ripened in the Great Basin." Said I , "Wait eighteen months and I will show you many of them." Did I say this from knowledge? No, it was my faith.

I cannot help being here. We might have gone to Vancouver's Island; and if we had, we should probably have been driven away or used up before this time.

But here we are in the valleys of the mountains, where the Lord directed me to lead the people.

The brethern who are in foreign countries desire to gather to the gathering-place of the Saints, and they have for the presen to come to Great Salt Lake City. They cannot help that.

Why did we not go to San Francisco? Because the Lord told me not: "For there are lions in the way, and they will devour the lambs, if you take them there . . ."

Talk about these rich valleys, why there is not another people on the face of the earth that could have come here and lived. We prayed over the land, and dedicated it and the water, air and everything, pertaining to them unto the Lord and the smiles of heaven rested on the land and it became productive, and today yields us the best of grain, fruit and vegetables. . . .

You inquire if we shall stay in these mountains. I answer yes, as long as we please to do the will of God, our Father in Heaven. If we are pleased to turn away from the holy commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ, as ancient Israel did, every man turning to his own way, we shall be scattered and peeled, driven before our enemies and persecuted, until we learn to remember the Lord our God and are willing to walk in his ways.—President Brigham (See Chapter 42, Discourses of Brigham Young.) — Gems of Thought—Desret News, July 25, 1951.

Blessings Received:

Eyes to See

By Mildred Morgan Fontano.

Sister Lucille Williams has a testimony of the healing power of the Lord. Months ago she became blind in one eye with a disease, serious and difficult to cure, called Retina Trombosis. The doctor, a man of character and standing, did all in his power with medical help and kind words to encourage Lucile.

Then she and her many friends prayed for her recovery. This July when she went to the doctor again, he said her recovery was a miracle. Not only could she see but could even read.

The doctor had told his fellow doctors at a conference of the remarkable recovery but they didn't believe he had diagnosed the case correctly. They said there must have been a mistake. But more than one dotor had seen her eyes. and knew the true condition.

She can see where before there was darkness. She is a very thankful and humble woman because of God's goodness to her.

Canned Food Sale

The Sixth Quorum of Elders, which includes Martinez, Concord and Pittsburg areas, have a canned food sale by the case whereby the members may purchase cases of desired foods for storage of a year's supply ahead, if they wish to obey the counsel of the Authorities. The quorum adds only 25c per case for actual handling costs.

Dan Drumiler of 1404 Date Street, Martinez, can furnish information. They receive assistance from the Third Quorum of Elders in this project. The Sixth quorum put out a lively, helpful bulletin once a month for its members.

EDITORIAL

Vanishing Americans

A CHANGE is coming over America. It has been in progress for nearly a generation. Americans are differen today than they were years ago.

Whereas at one time Americans were self-reliant, each individual wanting to work out his own welfare, now many talk in terms of a "security" which they hope to get very largely from someone else.

And where once a premium was placed upon productive effort, there is now the hope of doing as little as possible in order to get as much as possible.

Artisans who once took pride in pointing to their high production, now have become part of a regime which holds down production to a certain maximum, which generally is far beneath a man's normal capacity. And yet full compensation is asked for that type of service.

The "get something for nothing" attitude is crowding out old fashioned Americanism. It is entirely different from the thinking that forged greatness into our country. As a youthful nation, moving forward, crossing old frontiers and making new ones, for years we put a high value on productivity. Now many are slipping away from it. Is it a wholesome condition?

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AMERICA is a Christian nation, built largely upon Christian principles. Is this new attitude in keeping with true Christianity?

The spirit of the gospel is the spirit of productivity. The Savior taught men to "bring forth much fruit;" he told the story of the "unprofitable servant;" he said that branches which do not produce should be cut off. . . . .

These principles spell production. They are Christian principles. They are in line with his teachings pertaining to honesty and the Golden Rule.

But they are opposite to the theories which are now corrupting us, inspiring industrial "slow downs" and appeals for "security," even extending to the so-called welfare state.—Editorial in Deseret News July 25 1951.

First Honorary Golden Gleaner and Master M Men Awards in Oakland Stake

RHEA GUSTAVESON AND GLEN SHAW HONORED

Janet Merrell of the General Board of the YLMIA conferred the first Oakland Stake Golden Gleaner Award and Insignia upon Rhea M. Gustaveson at the last Quarterly Conference of the Oakland Stake, in June, 1951.

"Because of distinguished and devoted service to the Young Women of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, you, Rhea Gustaveson, are hereby elected and acclaimed an honorary Golden Gleaner," were the words used on the happy occasion, the first of its kind in any bay area stake, it is understood. Sister Gustaveson has served 30 years in MIA work, including a term as President of the Oakland Stake MIA board.

Similarly, Pres. Douglas Swenson, the stake YMMIA, conferred upon Glenn Shaw the Award and Insignia of Master M Men, the first of its kind to be awarded in northern California, it is understood. Brother Shaw is currently serving as counselor to Stake President D. F. Wright.

These honorary awards heretofore have been awarded in Salt Lake City only for general MIA activities over long periods of time. The newer policy is for each stake to make such awards to worthy candidates, one Golden Gleaner and one Master M Man each year.

Sister Gustaveson will now become YLMIA president in Alameda ward.

● Marriner S. Eccles, formerly chairman of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, D. C., and former Utahn, now resides again in Salt Lake and has been elected chairman of the board of First Securities Corporation of Utah, and also chairman of the Utah Construction Co., and the Almagamated Sugar Company, and of Sego Milk Products Co.

● Dr. Howard Wayne Driggs, prominent Utah educator and director of the Branch A. C. at Cedar City, and son of a famous father, Howard R. Driggs,, died July 20 and had funeral services in the Assembly Hall. He it was who composed the play of pageant that is annually reenacted at the Hill Cumorah.